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JAPANESE WAR FLEET SIGHTED NEAR HONGKONG

PASSENGERS ON MACAO STEAMER THRILLED AS PLANES FLY OVER SHIP

Definite evidence of a concentration near Macao of Japanese warships and other vessels, apparently transports, was brought to Hongkong last night by passengers aboard the British steamer Kin Shan.

The Japanese fleet, which appeared to include a large aircraft carrier and at least one modern cruiser, lay at anchor about ten miles from Macao.

Three vessels were alongside the aircraft carrier.

While the Kin Shan was steaming past the Japanese ships, about ten miles distant, two flights of Japanese seaplanes flew over the British vessel from the direction of the mainland.

Further bombings were made on the Kowloon-Canton Railway yesterday, without appreciable damage being caused. Four machines dropped eight bombs in the vicinity of Sheung Ping Railway Station, the principal damage being to the goods shed. Train service was delayed for approximately two hours while 15 yards of damaged line was replaced.

Shortly before noon two planes flew over Cheung Muk Tau, dropping two bombs, while a further raid was made over the same spot at 1 p.m., the railway bridge across the Pearl River being the objective. Anti-aircraft guns kept the raiders at a safe height and the objective was completely missed.

Ships Near Tsingtao

Tsingtao, Dec. 27.
Seven Japanese warships have been sighted off Lushanwei, about an hour and a half's journey by launch across the bay from Tsingtao, according to Chinese reports.—Reuter.

Kwangtung Coast Raid

Swatow, Dec. 27.
Three Japanese warplanes, coming from the direction of Chienmen Island outside Amoy Harbour, raided Nam-mao Island off the Kwangtung coast yesterday afternoon, according to a report received here.

The raiders released two bombs at Lungao, the principal town on the island, wounding several civilians. They were later driven off by Chinese fighting planes.—Central News.

Japanese Pushing On To Tsingtao

Hsuehchow, Dec. 27.
Intercepted by heavy Chinese forces, the Japanese column which crossed the Yellow River and moved westward from Tsingcheng has abandoned its plan of attacking Tsingtao, capital of Shantung, and is now pushing from Chongtchen and Poshan toward Tsingtao by the Kiao-tai railway, military advisers received here reveal.

In a telegram to a high Chinese military commander at Hsuehchow yesterday, Admiral Shen Hung-fieh, Mayor of Tsingtao, declared his determination to defend Tsingtao at all cost. His aid that he had organised many mobile units to harass the Japanese.—Central News.

New Russian Ambassador At Hankow

Hankow, Dec. 27.
M. Luganer Orelsky, the new Soviet Ambassador to China, arrived here by air yesterday afternoon from Lanchow, after the long journey. M. Orelsky will rest in the office of the Soviet Embassy here, after which it is expected he will proceed to Chungking to present his credentials to Mr. Lin Sen, President of the China Republic.—Reuter.

At the meeting of the Rotary Club on Tuesday, December 26, Mr. E. J. K. Mitchell will speak on "Reminiscences of the Coronation."

Child Born On British Man-Of-War

Capetown Carrying Hankow Refugees; Heading For H.K.

Hankow, Dec. 26.
It is belatedly learned that a son was born to the wife of Mr. Y. T. Lok aboard H.M.S. Capetown in Shanghai on Christmas morning.

A signal received by the naval authorities at Hankow states that both the mother and child are doing well.

Mr. Lok, whose wife was one of the "two expectant mothers" who travelled to Shanghai from Hankow aboard the British cruiser, is a Singapore-born Chinese connected at Hankow with Imperial Chemical Industries.

The acting Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, Vice-Admiral Crabbe is delighted to hear of the happy event, and sent a signal from Hongkong to the Capetown saying: "I am delighted to hear of your success, and I request you to present my congratulations and those of the whole China fleet to Mrs. Lok. I would very much like to be godfather, even only by proxy, as this child was born under such unusual circumstances."

The fact that ship's orders state that both births and deaths must be written in the ship's log has always brought a smile to enlisting men.

DOCTOR ON BOARD

Hankow is delighted that the baby was born on the Capetown which became very popular during the ship's stay there. Dr. C. L. Egan, a missionary, it is stated, officiated at the birth. He was the only man civilian aboard the Capetown when she left for Shanghai.

Apparently the birth of a child aboard a British warship, though a very singular event, has occurred before, because rumour has it that a child so born automatically becomes a member of the parish of Stepney. This, however, is doubted in some quarters.

H.M.S. Capetown is at present heading for Hongkong.—Reuter.

Clipper At Auckland

Auckland, Dec. 26.
The "Samoon Clipper", which left Papeete in Samoa yesterday on a trial flight from America to New Zealand, has arrived here.—Reuter.

MAIL PLANE DELAYED

The Imperial Airways mail plane from Bangkok to Hongkong has been delayed 24 hours. She only left the Siamese capital this morning. She is the Daedalus, a new machine on this run.

JAPANESE CREATING NEW BANK

Money For North China Areas

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

A Japanese report from Peiping says that moving to ensure financial stability in the area under its control, the "Provisional Government" has decided to create an Associated Reserve Bank of China, capitalised at \$50,000,000. The new organ will issue inconvertible currency on a par with the yen and the Manchukuo yuan.

The capital of the bank will be subscribed in equal parts by leading Sino-Japanese banking organisations. The Japanese institutions participating in the project are the Yokohama Specie Bank and the Taiwan Bank. The Chinese banks subscribing include the Provincial Bank of Hopei.

All these banks will be required to surrender silver bullion and certain securities to the reserve organ.

The new institution will apply to a Japanese banking syndicate for opening credits for ¥100,000,000 to be used to maintain the stability of the currency and for industrial development. Gold and silver will also be purchased by the new organ to replenish its reserve.—Reuter.

World-wide Search Ends But He Won't Register Interest

By A Correspondent

Sydney, Dec. 4.

Here in Sydney there has been found, after a world-wide search lasting nine months, the heir to one of England's oldest baronetcies. His name is Frederic Farrand Trollope. He is a bank clerk—cares little for baronetcies.

He becomes the fourteenth holder of the baronetcy of Trollope of Case-wick, Lincolnshire, created in 1622, and owner of the South Lincolnshire estates of Braceborough and Greatford.

I saw the new baronet to-day, says the correspondent of the Daily Express. He is 62 years old, single. He lives in Shirley-road, North Sydney, and is employed by a Sydney bank. He was most reticent about his plans, said to me:

"I expect to visit England next year, but I don't believe there are any estates in South Lincolnshire. The title won't make any difference to my way of living."

Search for the fourteenth baronet began when the thirteenth baronet, Sir Arthur Grant Trollope, died last February.

His heir was Frank Anthony Trollope, a distant cousin, and grandson of Anthony Trollope, the novelist.

DID NOT MARRY

Frank Anthony Trollope lived in Australia, but he died. It was the need for definitely establishing whether he had married and left a son which began the nine-months' search.

Now the search has ended. Frank Anthony Trollope did not marry—and Frederic Farrand Trollope succeeds to the title.

The title was held by the second Lord Kesteven, on whose death, in 1915, it passed to his bachelor nephew, Captain Thomas Trollope. Within a few months, however, he lost his life when the troopship Mercian was torpedoed off the Egyptian coast.

MOST MODERN AIR TERMINUS

What is claimed to be the world's most modern air terminus is already taking shape alongside the Southern Railway's platforms at Victoria Station in London.

Planned during the last two years to provide every facility for air travellers to any point of the globe, the new building will house the whole of Imperial Airways' executive and administrative staff and a complete air-railway station—the first of its kind.

Air passengers from Hongkong, instead of having to make their own arrangements after disembarking from a flying-boat at Southampton, will travel by high-speed express diesel-electric trains to London.

JAPANESE PIERCE NANKING WALL



On Monday, four months to a day since the outbreak of hostilities in Shanghai, Japanese forces captured Nanking. The above photo, showing Japanese troops belonging to the Ohno Detachment on the ruins of the Chungshan, or eastern gate, was rushed to Shanghai after the final assault, and thence to Hongkong.—Photo by Domci.

WAR PILOT, FILM STAR, MURAT TROTTING GLOBE TO MEET WIFE ANNABELLE

The tall, French ex-war pilot husband of Annabelle, beautiful young French film actress who was introduced to English-speaking audiences in the colour film "Wings of the Morning," has arrived in Hongkong.

He is French film actor Jean Murat, now on a world cruise, and will rejoin Annabella in Hollywood, where she is working in a film with William Powell.

"I received a cable from my wife telling me she is very pleased with her new film," said M. Murat.

In the same flying squadron as Georges Carpentier during the Great War, Jean Murat has been married to Annabella for five years. They met when they were making a French film together, "Wings of the Morning," described as the greatest colour film achievement of British Studios, was shown in Hongkong some weeks ago.

Officer Dies Of Wounds

Hit In Battle With Arab Guerillas

Haifa, Dec. 26.

Lieut. M. W. Mountain of the 1st Battalion The Border Regiment, who was wounded while fighting Arab rebels in the hills of Galilee yesterday, has died from his wounds.—Reuter.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

London, Dec. 26.

An appeal to the individual in his home to bear witness for Christianity "openly and courageously" among his fellows was made by the Archbishop of Canterbury in a broadcast to the nation to-day.

He asked who could think, without a sickening of heart, of the appalling slaughter, suffering and manifold misery brought about by war to Spain and China? He urged that the individual should be willing that the underlying causes of discontent should be examined impartially, so that justice might be done; for

COMMUNIST AIM IS SALVATION OF CHINESE NATION

Invader Must Be Checked, Says Chiang's New Ally

(Special to "Telegraph")

Hankow, Dec. 27.

Talking with Mr. T. Wang Min, member of the Political Bureau and one of the secretaries of the Communist Party, told this correspondent that the Communists were at present aiming only at the national salvation of China, and not its conversion to socialism. They had not abandoned their ideals, however, and were still following the Marxist strategy to gain their goal.

After an absence of five years in Moscow as a delegate to the Comintern, Wang Min only recently returned to China to assist her in resistance and to bring about closer co-operation between the Communists and the Kuomintang. For this purpose he has already conferred with other leaders, including Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

English Mail Plane Forced Down In Fog

Le Havre, Dec. 26.
The Imperial Airways flying boat Cordelia, bound for England from Alexandria, carrying one passenger and mails, came down at Le Havre this morning owing to fog in the channel. The machine will continue its flight at 8 a.m. to-morrow.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

LUNATICS PERISH IN BLAZE Others Escape From Asylum

Paris, Dec. 26.
A fire last night destroyed the lunatic asylum at Montredon, near Lepuy, which housed 135 inmates.

The bodies of seven people were recovered, but it is feared that another is still under the debris.

Twelve dangerous lunatics escaped during the blaze.—Reuter.

King Assents To Marriage Of Princess

London, Dec. 26.
A Court Circular from Sandringham announces that the King held in Privy Council at 9 p.m. to-day at which were present the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent and the Earl of Athlone, the last named acting for the Lord President of the Council.

It is understood the King gave formal assent to the marriage of Princess Frederika of Brunswick to Prince Paul of Greece.

As the Princess is a great granddaughter of Queen Victoria, the King's assent was necessary before the marriage could take place.

It is many years since a Privy Council was held during the Christmas holiday.—Reuter.

public opinion, which ultimately swayed policy, was created only by the feelings and judgments of individual men and women.—Reuter.

RESCUE SHIPS STANDING BY

Port Angeles, Wash., Dec. 26.
Two American coast guard vessels and the Canadian Fisheries patrol ship Armentieres are standing by the freighter Beulah while a 45-mile-an-hour wind punishes the ship wrecked on the rocks of southern Vancouver Island, in that area known to mariners as "the graveyard of the Pacific."

The Beulah broke her rudder and ran ashore last night in a gale. The coast guards report one of the wrecked ship's crew is missing. The coast guard plane which flew over the wreck reported that the ship had a 40 degree list and that she had lost all but one lifeboat. She carries a crew of between 15 and 20.—United Press.

It is now learned that the Beulah has freed herself from the rocks and is proceeding eastward under her own steam.—United Press.

SEEK TO CHECK TERUEL DRIVE

Madrid, Dec. 27.
Apparently in an effort to divert the Loyalist offensive on Teruel, the Insurgents for two and a half hours bombarded Madrid to-day at the rate of ten 75 mm. shells per minute. Thousands sought shelter in dug-outs and one shell hit a subway entrance and killed two soldiers and wounded five.

At present the death list cannot be estimated. The Loyalists report they are rapidly mopping up Teruel and have captured the Insurgent infantry barracks after a bloody battle. They have now surrounded San Juan Plaza, where is the largest of the Insurgent strongholds.

The Insurgent efforts to relieve the siege are said to have been very weak. They have dropped a number of bombs, but mostly behind the Loyalist lines.—United Press.

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OTHER THEORIES

"Is any other strategy, not Marxist, correct?" Wang Min was asked. "Marxism is the most correct theory. But other theories at certain historical stages and in different circumstances are playing progressive roles, such as Sun Yat-senism in the past and present," he replied.

"Some foreigners and Chinese have a wrong conception of Communism," he went on. "We always make clear that the final end is Communism. But this cannot be achieved overnight. Only through transitional stages can we successfully build the present aim is national salvation. There we shall only attempt to build for socialism when the people understand and fight for it."

WHY IS HELP INVITED?

"The Communist party in China is small. Why should the Kuomintang invite help? If you really desire unity why not dissolve the Communists and join the Kuomintang?" Wang Min was asked.

"I cannot say we are strong. But we are second to the Kuomintang. If the Kuomintang desires help, it must invite us," Wang Min replied.

He said that he and Chou En-lai, conferring with Marshal Chiang, had talked about resistance to the end and the fight for final victory, as expressed in Chiang's December 16 statement. They had explained to Marshal Chiang that some progress had been made in the political field, that the Government was beginning to be unified and play its role in national defence, that it was beginning to take democratic measures and the army was nearer unity. However, if the Government would take more improved measures then its resistance would be victorious. Wang Min asserted. The Communists were willing to share the burden and take Government posts, but this depended upon whether the Kuomintang wanted help and invited co-operation.

NOT HELPING MUCH

Wang Min admitted that Communists and other social democrats, labour and peace bodies in other countries were not helping China much. The Russian people, however, were helping with sympathy and the Sino-Soviet non-aggression pact had been signed. Wang Min said most from foreign countries is aimed at (Continued on Page 12.)

JANET JAY overhauls the KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

TURKEY, pudding, crackers, laughter and games—a jolly family party; but we must remember that the party starts in the kitchen. This week, then, is a good time to give everything a thorough overhaul.

Making sure in advance that the cooker is in good order to cope with turkey and puddings, store cupboards cleared and tidied to make room for extra stores, pots and pans and other equipment up to standard, means that you can get the cooking done comfortably even though the kitchen is working overtime.

"Clear the decks" is my first maxim when there's cooking to be done. Drawers and cupboards have a way of becoming filled with odds and ends throughout the year.

Time can be saved if you clear them of everything but essentials, so that you don't have to rummage when you want a special knife in a hurry.

The table drawer should be reserved for the utensils you will want for cooking: the dinner—palette knife, wooden spoons, roasting knives, and so on. Basting spoons and skewers hang at the side of the cooker.

Stocking the Shelves

Put all materials for cake making and icing on one cupboard shelf, and items like the mincing machine which are too large to go in a drawer on a shelf below. Pie dishes, mixing bowls and measuring tugs have a shelf to themselves within easy hand's



Where the PARTY STARTS

reach. Which reminds me that when you come to take stock of the china cupboard it is a good plan to put the things which are not likely to be wanted over the holidays out of the way on the top shelves. Count the plates and meat dishes and stack the different sizes in separate piles on the lower shelves ready for use.

Plates which are not used every day collect an astonishing amount of sticky dust, even in a cupboard. So I suggest

that you look them over now rather than find the dust when you come to lay the table.

A wash in a warm soapy lather with a drop or two of ammonia added to it is one good method. Olive plates an additional rinse under the cold tap to prevent streaks if they dry in a plate rack.

Sparkling Glass

Glass is washed in the same way, but rinsed in cold water with a teaspoonful of vinegar added. This produces a brilliant gloss when the glasses are polished.

You have probably made up your mind about the size and weight of the Christmas turkey or joint, and made sure that the baking tin is large enough.

One good idea for roasting a large turkey is to hang it from the top of the oven by a shackle hook. This is something like the old method of roasting on a spit, and the bird browns beautifully on all sides. It also leaves the baking tin clear for sausages and forcemeat balls. The hook costs 1s. 6d.

Oven mitts are an excellent protection for the hands, and I put some saucepan tongs down on my shopping list also. They are handy for lifting puddings out of the pot without risking a scald.

If you are expecting a large party,

Home Maker's Diary

a set of three triangular saucepans would be a good addition to the present stock of pans. These fit closely together over one gas burner, each has a 3-pint capacity, and the point of the triangle forms the pouring lip. The price of the complete set is 12s. 6d., with an extra 7d. for post.

There will be little time for ordinary cleaning over the holidays, but the necessary sweeping and dusting will be easier if you see beforehand that the cleaning cupboard is stocked with clean dusters, and that mops and brooms are clean.

Silver and Brass

Soft brooms and brushes come beautifully clean if you soak the heads for half an hour or so in a bucket containing half a gallon of water and two or three tablespoonfuls of ammonia. Rinse thoroughly in cold water to stiffen the bristles, and hang in the open air to dry.

Hot soapy water containing a little paraffin will clean the heads of polishing mops, but if the head can be detached, a quicker method of cleaning is to boil it in strong soda water.

Silver and brass cleaning are two other jobs which should be got out of the way this week, especially the cleaning of the table silver which is not in ordinary use. I find it easier to polish if it is washed first in warm soapy water with a little vinegar added. The vinegar removes discolorations, especially from silver crucifixes. Be sure to use a brush for the final polish of engraved pieces.

The silver will not tarnish again if you wrap it up in baize or flannel and put a lump of camphor away with it. Brass and copper will be less likely to tarnish quickly after cleaning if you rub with a trace of sweet oil and rub up well with a leather.

Another point to remember in connection with Christmas is the larder. There will be three days' food supply to keep fresh. Large biscuit tins with holes punched in the lids for ventilation make good extra bread tins; fruit and vegetables will keep fresh and crisp if you hang them up in string bags so that air can circulate all round them.

Space can be saved on the shelves if you hang joints and the turkey from hooks screwed to the underside of the top shelf. Cover them with insulating paper or in water in which you have dissolved two or three crystals of permanganate of potash.

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-DINNER -MENU

Prawn Toasts.
Savoury Mutton Pie.
Browned Parsnips. Mashed Potatoes.
Stuffed Fresh Peas.
Cheese and Celery Rolls.

CUT small squares of freshly made toast, and spread each with a little mayonnaise in which chopped prawns have been mixed. Put a thin round of tomato over this, add a little more mayonnaise mixture in the centre, and top with a whole prawn.

For the pie, stew lean mutton until tender, cut into pieces, and put into a pie-dish together with some lightly fried sliced onions, diced boiled carrot, and chopped parsley. Well season and slightly thicken the gravy, pour over the pie filling, cover with short crust pastry, and bake until well browned.

Boil the parsnips until nearly cooked, strain, cut into rounds, fry in butter until golden brown, and drain on greaseproof paper before serving.

Allow half a fresh pear per person. Peel the fruit, cut in halves and remove the cores. Fill the centre hollow with chopped, stoned dates, place each half on a small hollowed round of sponge cake, pour thin cream over, and sprinkle with desiccated coconut.

Mix finely celery with cream cheese, spread on crustless slices of thin brown bread and butter, and make into tight rolls.

A Supper Savoury

This dish being light and nourishing and containing onions which have a narcotic property is good for supper on a cold night.

Fry three Spanish onions in dripping until tender, then stir in three ounces of grated cheese. Let it get thoroughly hot without actually cooking it. Turn the mixture on to slices of toast and serve at once.

Use as little dripping as possible for frying the onions. They can be boiled or stewed if a plainer dish is required, but most people prefer them fried.

W. B.

Cultivate A Social Memory

ARE you one of those people who can recognise instantly a person to whom you have previously been introduced? Or do you occasionally find yourself in a position of being hailed by someone whom you cannot for the life of you remember at all?

There is no doubt that a good memory for faces is one of the surest ways to social success. If you can address a person by his name, you are bound to score.

Naturally the man or woman in question feels flattered at having been remembered, and an impression, and so a pleasant basis is formed for future friendship.

On the other hand, if your mind registers an entire blank as to a person's name and where you met before, you often land yourself in an embarrassing position. For you have either to bluff it out which is risky and difficult, or you have to "come clean" and confess that you are quite in the dark as to their identity. Not very complimentary this! And certain to earn you a black mark.

From both points of view it pays to cultivate a social memory. A memory for faces, names, and circumstances of people to whom you are introduced.

The All-Important Name
How is this to be achieved? Start by registering the full name correctly. It is such a help. Although it is not always easy to manage. So often present day hostesses introduce their guests in casual off-hand manner, perhaps Christian names only, and then the trouble begins.

But if you do not get a person's name correctly at the outset, do not be inclined to ask after all it is more complimentary than guessing, muttering a vague something, or avoiding the name altogether.

Besides if you have a person's name properly typed, it encourages confidence and poise.

For there is no need to speculate about it and to wish that you could discover it.

Mental Stocktaking
When you have been introduced, do a little stocktaking for future use. Make a mental note of the other's eyes, colour, height, and build. Some people do this instinctively, others apparently do not take in anything beyond a blurred recollection of the general appearance.

Practice, however, soon gets you into the habit of doing things about them. It is not much use considering clothes in a woman, because probably before you meet again the fashions will have changed and she will look entirely different. But not if you remember her eyes.

Concentrate on the Speaker
Another point is to concentrate on what your new acquaintance is saying at the outset. This may sound superfluous, but if you meet at a party and there is so much chatter that it sounds like a poultry show, it often takes real effort to register what is being said to you.

The attention wanders quickly in a crowd and it is easy to murmur suitable responses without thinking very much. But later on you may wish vehemently that you had paid attention. So remember in time!

Then note also whether the person in question is alone or with members of his family. This is vital, for it saves stupid blunders later.

Another help is to stamp the place of meeting, the time of the year, and the person introduced, clearly together.

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RASPUTIN FILM LIBEL CLAIM SETTLED OUT OF COURT

Prince's Name in Film by Accident

Settlement of a libel action brought by Prince and Princess Chogodief against Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures, Limited, was announced in the Lord Chief Justice's Court recently.

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., said the case had been settled on terms satisfactory to all parties. The action was one for damages for libel arising out of the publication of the film "Rasputin, the Mad Monk."

The film purported to portray events in Russia in 1913 and during the war years, and particularly the life and assassination of Rasputin.

"HIGHEST CIRCLES"

Prince Chogodief, continued Mr. Birkett, was of very ancient family, and in 1913 moved in the highest Imperial Court circles. He was the only prince of that name who held Court dignity, having also been Vice-Governor of Erivan and Luviv.

Princess Chogodief was the daughter of General George Bobrikoff and niece of General Nicholas Bobrikoff, the Governor-General of Finland. She, too, moved in the highest Imperial Court circles.

"New Drug Is In Vogue"

Nembul, described by a poison expert into fashion, was the subject of questions at an inquest at Camberwell, S.E., recently.

It was the resumed inquiry into the death of Miss Irene Pappas, aged 27, who died at her lodgings in Offley-road, Epsom, as her telephone played "Gloomy Sunday," famous Hungarian love song, said to be the cause of 19 suicides.

Dr. J. A. Gardner, lecturer in toxicology at St. George's Hospital, said the woman must have taken a considerable quantity of nembul, which was the cause of death.

PRESCRIPTION ONLY

"This drug has been rather coming into fashion in recent years. I have heard it suggested that in cases of trouble of a certain type of person they might take nembul as a nice, easy way of getting out of this world."

The coroner, Mr. A. Douglas Cowburn, said he did not want to encourage this. This type of drug is so much in vogue now. Don't you think it ought to be taken only with the prescription of a medical practitioner?—Yes.

Recording an open verdict, Mr. Cowburn said: "This is a sad story of a woman who for some time taken considerably more alcohol than was good for her health, and she was to some extent or other a drug addict."

Radio Used In Test To Discover Real Cure for Cancer

Short wireless waves have opened up a new and hopeful line of cancer research.

It has been found, experimentally, that one application of four minutes, setting up a temperature of about 50 degrees centigrade, has produced cures in animals.

The work has been done at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle, under Dr. Frank Dickens, and is revealed in the annual report of the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

The wave-length used was between three and four and a half metres, and the effect was produced by the heat destroying the tumour. It is the possibilities of heat—at temperatures not exceeding that of high fever—as distinct from radium or X-ray, which is exciting the cancer experts.

"This heating is of a very special character, for it can be localised within very narrow limits and controlled with an accuracy which was quite impossible before the application of the newer methods resulting from modern wireless technique," said Lord Horder, referring, at the annual general meeting of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, at the House of Lords, yesterday, to the new wireless waves research.

DIET EFFECT

Certain diets as a cause for cancer are being examined. Cancer of the liver, rare among Europeans, is common among the Hindu tribes in South Africa and in Java and certain parts of India.

AROUND THE EMPIRE

INDIA'S POLITICAL PRISONERS

Calcutta. Mr. Gandhi's three weeks' stay in Calcutta has ended, and he has returned to his home at Wardha, Central Provinces. He broke his journey at Hill to visit the detention camp for political prisoners, says a correspondent.

Throughout his stay here Mr. Gandhi, at daily meetings with Ministers and police officials, pressed hard for the release of political detainees and convicts. I understand that the Government of Bengal has decided on a line of action which may be the subject of a communique tomorrow.

The policy adopted is likely to be a general release of several hundred persons, whose movements are restricted to the villages in which they are domiciled. There will be a speeding-up of the release of others, including convicts who, the Government believe, have expiated their crimes and have sincerely reformed.

Convicts of the "gunman" class, with bad records, before and since conviction will, I understand, not be released prematurely.

Boy Scouts' Decision.—The All-India Boy Scouts' Association, which has hitherto been affiliated to Imperial Headquarters, is to become an independent national organisation. Application is to be made for affiliation to the International Bureau.

Air to Singapore.—Imperial Airways' Empire flying-boat Cordelia left Calcutta for Chittagong, Bengal, en route for Singapore. The flight, which started at Karachi, is a prelude to the establishment of regular passenger and mail services between England and Singapore.

South Africa

NATIVE RIOTS

Johannesburg. In view of the widespread attempts to connect the September riots in the Vereeniging district, on the borders of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, with Communist agitation, special interest attaches to the finding of the Government Commission of Inquiry.

The Commission says that "Activities of Communist agencies played no part in causing the disturbances."

It is stated that the main causes of the riots, in which three policemen were killed, were resentment of the natives at the use of a police patrol van and anger at the rough methods of the police. The use of the sjambok—a leather whip—is deplored.

The "Communist menace" figures largely in the Nationalist party campaign. Members of the Dutch Reformed Church are warning the country of the seriousness of Communist activity among the natives.

Indians in Kenya.—A mass meeting of Indians at Nairobi, Kenya, has passed a resolution opposing the land reservation scheme adopted by the Legislative Council in August. The scheme recommends the defining of the boundaries of the Kenya highlands within which land will be reserved for White settlement.

New Zealand

WHEAT SHORTAGE IN NEW ZEALAND

Auckland. Owing to drought, a serious wheat shortage is anticipated in the next harvest. In South Island the area in crop is 180,000 acres, compared with 224,000 acres in 1936.

The wheat committee is arranging for heavy import from Australia.

Jamaica

BANANA WORKERS' WAGES

Kingston. The small local strikes of labourers on banana plantations which have been taking place in one or two districts have been ended. The men have been demanding higher wages. The Jamaica sugar planters recently announced increased rates of wages for harvesting the crop owing to the increased cost of living.

Australia

RICHARD TAUBER'S TOUR

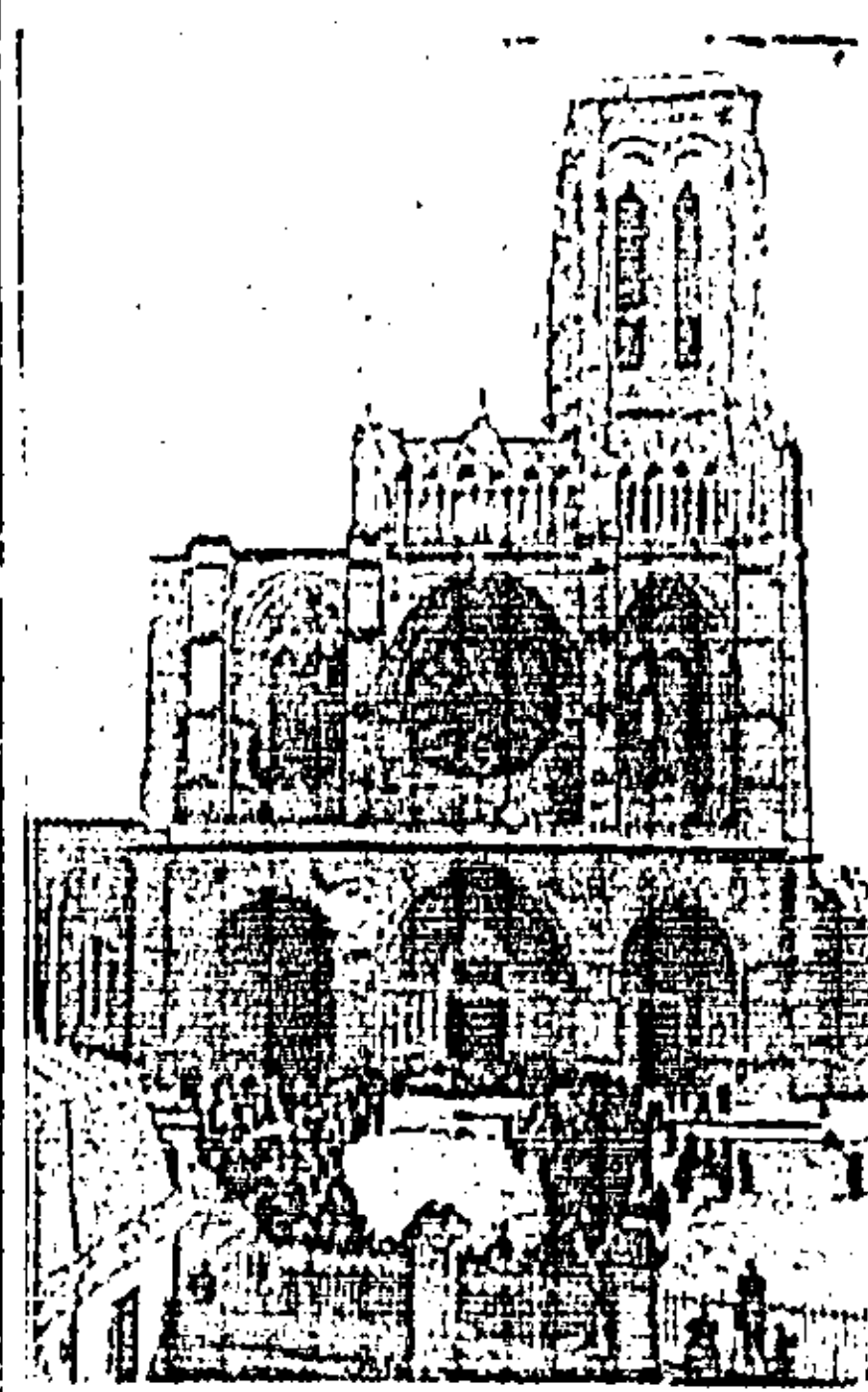
Sydney. Richard Tauber, the well-known tenor, will appear on the Australian concert platform next year. He will give the first of a series of 25 concerts early in July. His tour will be under the direction of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.—Reuter.

Read Synopsis And Changed His Mind

DUKE EXPLAINS BAN

The Duke of Windsor's solicitors have denied that he had inspired or authorised the biography which Mr. Compton Mackenzie, fifty-four-year-old Scots novelist and historian, proposes to write.

SCARRED BY WAR, REDEDICATED



THE BEAUTIFUL CATHEDRAL OF SOISSONS, in the North of France, which was seriously damaged during the Great War twenty years ago, was recently re-dedicated after thorough repairs. The photograph was taken during the ceremonies.

LEPER ISLE "A CHARM"

(From A Correspondent)

Penang. "What a delightful place! In these words Mrs. Mary Southern, aged 50, of Blackpool, summed up to me the lonely leper island in the Straits Settlements to which she has come to keep her son company because his attractive young wife refused to join him.

Mrs. Southern's son, who superintends about 1,000 lepers, offered his wife, Mrs. Rona Southern, of Glastonbury-avenue, Marton, Blackpool, a luxurious bungalow, servants, a car, and a motor-launch if she would come out, but she said she was afraid to do so.

"BEAUTIFUL VISTAS"

Mrs. Southern said: "I came out determined to keep a brave front however awful the conditions. I am agreeably surprised to find the leper island totally different to what I imagined it would be.

"The climate and the beautiful vista on every hand are a change indeed."

They issued the following:—"In view of statements which have appeared in the Press, it seems desirable to make it clear without delay that the Duke of Windsor has no intention of approving the contents of any biography, nor is his Royal Highness prepared to supply information for such a biography."

IN THE BALANCE

Publication of the biography, which Mr. Mackenzie claimed would vindicate the Duke, had been arranged by Rich and Cowan, Ltd.

It is understood that the suggestion for the biography was first made by Mr. Mackenzie to the Duke. Correspondence passed, and a meeting in Paris was suggested, but came to nothing.

Commander Charles Rich, managing director, said:—"A decision will be reached only after we have consulted Mr. Mackenzie. Careful consideration will be given to the Duke of Windsor's obvious wish."

Lord Strathgill, a director of Rich and Cowan, Ltd., said:—"This announcement came as a complete surprise to me. Mr. Mackenzie had been in touch with the Duke's representatives."

Mr. Compton Mackenzie's literary agents pointed out that he had made it quite clear that he would not have access to official and private documents.

COULD NOT ASSIST

The Duke of Windsor's solicitors have issued this explanation of his attitude regarding the publication of the biography by Mr. Compton Mackenzie, recently announced by Messrs. Rich and Cowan.

"It is fair to Mr. Mackenzie and Messrs. Rich and Cowan to say that Mr. Mackenzie approached the Duke and was given to understand that his Royal Highness would welcome a book to be written by Mr. Mackenzie. But after full consideration of the synopsis supplied to him, and of what such a book would necessarily involve, His Royal Highness at the end of October last wrote to inform Mr. Mackenzie that he could not supply information for it.

"The recent announcement in the Press made it necessary for His Royal Highness to come to a final decision immediately, in the terms of the statement already issued."

This declared that the Duke had no intention of approving the contents of any biography or of supplying information for such a biography.

The solicitors' statement followed one issued by the publishers earlier in the day in the following terms:—"We entered into an arrangement with Mr. Compton Mackenzie in July 1937 to publish a biography of His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor, which Mr. Compton Mackenzie was about to write with the Duke's approval.

"Correspondence was passing at that time between his Royal Highness and Mr. Compton Mackenzie which showed clearly that the latter had asked for and obtained authority to write an authentic account of the Duke's life, more particularly of the events leading up to the abdication, and to publish it after it had been submitted for approval to His Royal Highness.

"So far from disapproval being expressed, it was not until the beginning of November that any indication was given that a change of mind was possible."

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SHANTUNG EXPECTS ATTACK

Tsingtao's Isolation
Commencing

Hankow, Dec. 25.

Well-informed Chinese circles believe that the Japanese intend shortly to launch large-scale operations in Shantung. The Japanese, it is reliably reported, are moving troops from the Peking-Hankow Railway front in Shansi and from the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and are also sending troops by sea for the attack on Tsingtao.

The Japanese, it is believed, are anxious to secure mastery of the whole of Shantung, and full control of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, as this would enable them to operate the railway traffic between Peking and Shanghai. The Japanese would at the same time gain control of the important ports of Tsingtao, Chefoo and Haichow.—*Reuter.*

COMMUNICATIONS CUT

Tsingtao, Dec. 25.

Railway and telephonic communications between Tsingtao and Tsinanfu have been cut.

The Mayor of Tsingtao, Admiral Shen Hung-lich, has been visited by representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, and asked to keep the port open.

Admiral Shen promised to do his utmost to aid shipping.—*Reuter.*

BLOCKADE ANNOUNCED

Shanghai, Dec. 26.

Vice-Admiral Hasegawa has announced the inclusion of Tsingtao in the Japanese naval blockade.

It is noteworthy that this is the last important Chinese port to be blockaded.—*United Press.*

FULL OF TROOPS

Tsingtao, Dec. 26.

Tsingtao is full of Chinese troops and more are arriving, according to an American woman who has arrived in Shanghai. Trenches are being dug and sand bag barricades erected on Tsingtao's beaches, which are known to holidaymakers throughout China.

The Chinese, she says, are threatening to blow up the waterworks and cut off the water supply. It is believed that most of the foreigners will have to evacuate.—*Reuter.*

WARSHIPS OFF COAST

Tsingtao, Dec. 26.

An imminent landing of Japanese at Linghsanwei and Hsuehchiao, opposite Tsingtao, is feared as several Japanese warships are anchored off the coast at these points.—*Central News.*

CHEFOO SHELLED

Tsingtao, Dec. 26.

Three Japanese warships are reported to have entered Chefoo yesterday morning and exchanged fire with the shore batteries. The firing was to test the Chinese strength. The warships steamed out of the harbour. There was considerable alarm in that port during the shelling, as it was thought that a landing might be made.—*International.*

AMERICANS LEAVE

Tsingtao, Dec. 25.

Seventeen Americans left Tsingtao yesterday by the B. and S. steamer Shengking.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE PROTEST

At Destruction of Nine
Cotton Mills.

Shanghai, Dec. 25.

A spokesman of the Japanese garrison here said that nine Japanese cotton mills near Tsingtao were blown up "by order of the Tsingtao Municipal authorities."

He claimed that Japanese property at Tsingtao is being freely looted by Chinese regulars and mobs.—*Reuter.*

Another Noted War Figure Passes Away

Mr. Newton D. Baker's
Fino Service

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 25.

The death is announced of the former Secretary for War, Mr. Newton Baker.—*Reuter.*

Newton Diehl Baker, the American lawyer and statesman, was born at Martinsburg, West Virginia, in December 1871, and educated at the Johns Hopkins University, where he took his B.A. degree, and at Washington and Lee University, where he gained the LL.B. in 1904. After acting as private secretary to the Postmaster-General for a year he began legal practice at Martinsburg in 1907. From 1902 to 1912 Mr. Baker was City Solicitor of Cleveland, Ohio, and its mayor from 1912 to 1916. In March 1916—11 months before the Americans entered the War as combatants—President Wilson appointed him Secretary for War and Mr. Baker held that responsible office throughout the War and until 1921.

Returning to his practice as a lawyer, Mr. Baker was appointed by President Coolidge in 1923 as a member of the Court of International Justice at The Hague. A year later President Hoover made him a member of the Law Enforcement Commission. Mr. Baker was among the first prominent Americans to urge the cancellation of war-debts, advocating that course in 1920 in the interests of the economic rehabilitation of Europe and also of United States trade. The insistence on the fulfilment of debt agreements might be good law, he said, but it was bad business. He always held that the United States would and should join the League of Nations. But when in January 1932, the question of his standing as Democratic candidate for the Presidency was under discussion, he said that it should not join until "an informed and convinced majority opinion" favoured that course. He admitted that the time when such a majority would exist was still distant.

In April, 1934, he urged that the United States state the terms under which it would be willing to join the League of Nations.

On other questions Baker stood against prohibition, for co-operation between industry and labour, for decentralization of government and for the principle of public ownership of natural resources.

In later years, as counsel for the Alabama Power company, the Texas Company and the Georgia Power company, Baker found himself naturally, at least, opposed to public ownership of natural resources in the case of the Tennessee Valley Administration.

MRS. C. GOLDIN

Leading Member of Russian
Orthodox Church

The Russian community in Hongkong lost one of its leading members last night with the death of Mrs. Anastasia Goldin, wife of Mr. Constantine Goldin, manager of the Majestic Cinema. She had been in ill health for some time and died at the Matilda Hospital at 7 p.m.

Born at Habarovsk 40 years ago, the late Mrs. Goldin came to Hongkong with her husband in 1930, and immediately achieved popularity with the Russian community because of her cheery disposition and energy on behalf of the Russian Orthodox Church, which owes its inception in Hongkong mainly to her efforts. She was treasurer of the women's committee of the church until ill health compelled her to resign recently.

A service in her memory will be held at the Russian Orthodox Church at 10 a.m. to-day, and the funeral will take place at the Happy Valley cemetery in the afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 4 p.m.

MR. HSIUNG HSI-LING

Former Prime Minister Of
Chinese Government

The death occurred in Kowloon on Saturday morning of a former Prime Minister and Finance Minister of the Chinese Government, Mr. Hsiung Hsi-Ling, following a stroke. He was 70 years of age.

Born in 1867 in Fenghuang, Hunan, the late Mr. Hsiung held, among other posts, that of Director-General of the Grand Canal Improvement Board. He was also founder of the Hsiung Shan Orphanage at Peking and promoter of and Director of several charitable institutions. He was an executive member of the National Famine Relief Commission from 1920 until recently.

Early this year Mr. Hsiung represented China at the League of Nations' Conference at Bandoeng on the suppression of traffic in women and children. He went there as the Chief Delegate of China.

Mr. Hsiung is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters. One of the daughters married Mr. Chu Lin, Superintendent of the Nanchang Aeroplane Works.

M. ETIENNE SCHMIT

Luxembourg, Dec. 19.
M. Etienne Schmit, Minister of the Interior, Commerce, Industry and Transport, died here to-day at the age of 54, after a short illness.—*Avaz.*

HANGCHOW TAKEN

Japanese Enter City
Christmas Day

Chinese Claim
Advance Checked

Shanghai, Dec. 25.

Converging on the city from four directions, the Japanese troops occupied Hangchow yesterday morning, according to a Japanese claim. They first entered through the eastern gate, and this entry was followed twenty minutes later by a strong Japanese column consisting of five detachments, which captured the northern gate. Meanwhile another column comprising six units took possession of the southern part of the city.—*Reuter.*

CRITICAL SITUATION

Hangchow, Dec. 25.

Reports are conflicting regarding the fate of Hangchow, in spite of the Japanese claim to have occupied the lakeside city.

Chinese reports say that Chinese troops were still holding Chienchiang, just outside Hangchow, late yesterday afternoon.

It is admitted, however, that the situation is critical.—*Reuter.*

The *International News* says that a Chinese report claims the recapture of Tsingshan on the Nanking-Hangchow motor road, where Chinese guerrilla units are active in harassing the Japanese.

CITY'S FALL CONFIRMED

Shanghai, Dec. 26.

The *Central News* reports that the Japanese occupied Hangchow on Christmas morning. The Chinese troops retreated to the southern bank of the Chienchiang River before the railway bridge across Chienchiang was destroyed.—*United Press.*

AN ORDERLY WITHDRAWAL

Kinhwa, Dec. 26.

The Chinese withdrawal from Hangchow followed bitter fighting at Kienchiang and Kungshenkiang, the north-east and north-west gateways to the lakeside city. The Chinese line at Kienchiang was first broken through by the Japanese troops after severe bombardment from their heavy artillery.

Kungshenkiang was attacked simultaneously by Japanese mechanized units on land and Japanese troops coursing down the Tanghai Creek, flowing past the place.

With the fall of Kienchiang the Chinese forces here were also compelled to withdraw. Covered by Peace Preservation units, the withdrawal was reported to have been carried out in an orderly manner.

After their entry into the city, the Japanese troops conducted a house-to-house search. Foreign residents flying flags of their respective countries were not exempted.—*Central News.*

DEFENDERS WITHDRAW

Shanghai, Dec. 26.

The fall of Hangchow is virtually admitted in Chinese reports, which state that the main body of defenders withdrew on December 23. The reports add that the last train from Hangchow left the city on December 24 and was packed with refugees.

The lakeside city is said to present a picture of desolation. The steel bridge across the Chienchiang River was dynamited, and the canoes, which are usually filled with tourists sightseeing around the lake, are at present tied up with caretakers in scores of them.—*Reuter.*

LAND MINE DEATHS

Hankow, Dec. 26.

Chinese forces have withdrawn from Hangchow intact and are now located on the banks of Tsin Tang River. Plans are being completed in Hangchow to engage the Japanese in guerrilla warfare.

Over 350 Japanese troops stumbled into a land mine south of Kienchiang, about 15 miles north-east of Hangchow, and were blasted to pieces. About 500 were injured. Other losses included demolition of 18 tanks, 20 armoured cars and numerous arms.

Before their retreat, the new bridge over Tsin Tang River which was about to be completed was destroyed by the Chinese forces.

Many non-combatants were killed by the Japanese when they entered the town yesterday morning.—*International.*

MOVE ON KASHING

Shanghai, Dec. 26.

Chinese irregular forces are active in Tunghsiang and Tsungteh north of the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway and are moving along the highway to attack Kashing.

Another column is proceeding towards Hsaihsieh and Wanglien on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway in order to cut off retreat of the enemy from Kashing.

Other mobile units are harassing the Japanese at Wukang and Shanghai. The Japanese are also being harassed at the Hangchow-Nanking Motor Road.—*International.*

PUKOW FIGHTING

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

Chinese sources claim that counter-attacking Chinese on the southern section of the Tientsin-Pukow railway, have driven back the Japanese advance from Pukow.

The main body of the Chinese forces has already reached Chuchow,

JAPAN'S APOLOGY ACCEPTED

But United States
Watchful Of
Her Interest

Washington, Dec. 26.

The United States Government has accepted the Japanese Government's apologies for the Panny incident, and assurances that every effort will be made to prevent interference with American interests in China in future, but the wording of the American note leaves no doubt that in closing the incident the United States Government will closely watch Japan's conduct henceforth.

Meanwhile the United States Government is determined to reinforce its position in China rather than withdraw troops or ships from there.

As the text of the United States note was issued, it was reliably reported that the United States Embassy in Nanking would shortly be reopened and the United States gunboat Oahu will take over duties of the gunboat Oahu formerly practised by the Panny.

The American note which will be delivered to the Japanese Foreign Office by the American Ambassador in Tokyo, states that the Japanese note of December 24 recites certain definite and specific steps which have been taken to ensure against infringement or unwarranted interference with the rights and interests of the United States and other third powers. The note adds that the Japanese Government is endeavouring thus to preclude absolutely all possibility of recurrence of similar incidents. The United States Government observes with satisfaction the promptness with which the Japanese Government in its note of December 14 admitted its responsibility, expressed regrets and offered amends.

NO ACCIDENT

The United States note tacitly rejects the Japanese Government's contention that the attack was accidental by stating that the Government relied on the report of the findings of the court of inquiry of the United States Navy, which investigated the incident.

In conclusion the note expresses its earnest hope that steps taken by the Japanese Government will prove effective in preventing further attacks on, or unlawful interference with, American nationals, their interests or property in China.

IMPORTANT RESERVATIONS

The last sentence of the United States note to Japan is regarded here as the key-note to the whole matter. The United States Government's acceptance of Japan's apologies at face value is being tempered by its implied reservations regarding its future course if American rights are again interfered with. Diplomatic circles believe that the early appearance of the hurrying news reels depicting the Panny sinking, upon the screens all over the country, has influenced the Administration to terminate the incident with the acceptance of the Japanese apologies before the national feeling is exacerbated.

Informed circles interpret the note as signifying the United States' readiness to make every reasonable concession regarding the incident, but if future events should prove the Japanese guarantees to be worthless, the President, having to go the limit in making concessions once will be in a position to adopt the most stern measures at the moment when further provocation occurs.—*Reuter.*

The *United Press* adds that Mr. Hull's note accepting the Japanese apologies is coupled with a stern warning against repetition. This seems to have amicably closed the long diplomatic negotiations, except the part about formally ascertaining the indemnities and collecting the same.

forty miles north of Pukow. Along the Grand Canal, in the vicinity of Kaoyu, the two armies are still facing each other between the Canal and the railway.—*United Press.*

The *Central News* adds that the Chinese forces have launched a fierce counter-offensive on the Japanese at Yangchow, where grim close-range fighting is progressing around Kaoyu, 45 kilometres north of Yangchow. It is reported that the Japanese garrison at Shaopo has withdrawn.

CHINESE RECAPTURE

Haichow, Dec. 26.

Ch'uihsien, in Kiangsu, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, was reported to be recaptured by the Chinese troops, who are advancing southwards near Wuyi further south of the railway. The original Japanese plan is to proceed along the Tientsin-Pukow railway to attack Haichow, the junction of that line and the Lunghai Railway.

Japanese forces at Chuanchiao, south of Wuyi, are advancing towards Hsief, in Anhui. The Japanese attempts to go northward along the Grand Canal were frustrated by Chinese units at Shaoan and Kaoyu. The main force of the enemy is now concentrated at Chuanchiao.—*International.*

Puddings For Palestine

Queen's Gift To
Her Regiment

Jerusalem, Dec. 24.
Three Christmas puddings arrived in Palestine to-day from Queen Elizabeth to the Black Watch Regiment, of which she is Colonel-in-Chief.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Nazareth Battle

Bethlehem, Dec. 25.

Christmas dawned cold and cloudy, while steel-helmeted British troops waged a pitched battle in the hills of Galilee, near Nazareth, killing at least 27 Arab terrorists.

The stillness of the hills was broken by the miniature war and the patrolling of British bombing machines.

Meanwhile the faithful, including 75 Americans, went to the Church of the Nativity at midnight, protected by armoured cars, guns and bayonets.

A British Tommy from the Black Watch, called the "Indies from hell," was sent outside the Church, while the participants sang carols.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

British Casualties

Jerusalem, Dec. 26.

At least 10 Arabs, one British officer and two soldiers were wounded in the second pitched battle within 24 hours on the Nazareth Hills, a short distance from the Church of the Nativity.

Troops from the Hampshire and North Stafford Regiments routed the Arabs, who were infuriated by the death sentences on six of their comrades for terroristic activities. Royal Air Force planes scouted for bands of armed Arabs.

The toll for Christmas week hostilities is 27 dead. Arabs at Jerusalem and Jaffa refused to exchange customary Christmas greetings. One Christian-Arab leader informed *United Press*, "It is impossible to enjoy the Christmas spirit sincerely, when a number of co-nationals are being buried in the vicinity of Nazareth."—*United Press.*

ITALIAN DENIAL

Anti-British Propaganda
True to Facts

Rome, Dec. 24.

A Milan paper refutes the charges made in the House of Commons debate regarding Italian anti-British propaganda. The paper adds that even if the charge is true, such propaganda is made from true facts.

If the truth is unpalatable to Britain it is not the fault of the truth or of the broadcasting station, but the fault of British policy, it comments.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

SPECIAL EMPIRE CABLES

LIVING COSTS IN
SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town.

Newspapers throughout the Union are giving prominence to complaints of the rising cost of living. Many associations are holding meetings and calling on the Government to take action.

Col. Reitz, Minister of Agriculture, and Mr. Pirow, Minister of Railways, have received deputations.

Col. Reitz told one deputation that Marketing Act machinery would be put into operation immediately which would enable prices to be stabilised during drought periods and the winter.

He declared that the present abnormal drought conditions were chiefly responsible for the butter shortage, while thousands of cattle were dying, causing meat shortage. Apart from this there was not, he said, any abnormal rise in the cost of living.

Police Reorganisation.—A rumour that Viscount Trenchard, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police from 1931 to 1935, has been invited by the Union to reorganise its Police Force is officially denied.

COMMUNIST GIRL RECRUITS

Recruiting among girls by seductive organisations was commented on by Mr. M. H. B. Lethbridge, District and Session Judge, Bengal, in dismissing the appeal of four Bengali youths convicted for being members of the "Red Guard Association." The Association is a group of the Communist party in India.

Australia
New Zealand

CROWN OWNERSHIP OF PETROLEUM

Wellington.
A Petroleum Bill, venting the Crown ownership of all petroleum existing in the natural state, was to-day introduced into the New Zealand Parliament.

The bill permits prospecting and mining only under licence, and royalties of not less than 5 per cent. are to be paid to the State on the selling value of the products.—*Reuter.*

POST OFFICE.

HONGKONG RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

XLT Telegrams conveying New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Radio Office for transmission via Radio up to January 6, 1938.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on One Fourth of the ordinary rate and to other places on One Third of the ordinary rate. (b) The minimum charge for all telegrams will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

NEW YEAR CARDS

New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD - MAILS

From	Per	Date and Time.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th December		
Japan	Imperial Airways Plane	December 27.
Straits	Rakuyo Maru	December 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Atsuta Maru	December 28.
Haliphong	Atsuta II	December 28.
Straits	Canton	December 28.
Canada, U.S.A., and Japan	Cremer	December 28.
(Vancouver B.C., 11th December)	Titan	December 28.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, and Manila	Emp. of Russia	December 29.
(Seattle, 4th December)	Pres. Grant	December 29.
Japan	Ryufuku Maru	December 29.
Amoy	Noto Maru	December 30.
Java and Manila	Talma	December 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—San Francisco date, 11th December, 1937.	Tjisadane	December 30.
Straits	Kashima Maru	December 31.
Japan	Pres. Coolidge	December 31.
Australia and Manila	Antenor	January 1.
U.S.A. Honolulu and Japan—San Francisco date, 4th December, 1937.	Nankin	January 1.
Straits	Nellere	January 1.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren	January 1.
Amoy	Suwa Maru	January 1.
Shanghai	Soudan	January 1.
Calcutta and Straits	Santos Maru	January 2.
Japan	Tjisroca	January 2.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	Gleniffer	January 2.
Manila	Shirala	January 4.
Java	Talybius	January 4.
	Kutang	January 6.
	Mausang	January 6.
	Potsdam	January 6.
	Tjisondari	January 7.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Due
Tuesday		
Holchow	Muinam	Tues., Dec. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chungtu etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Tues., Dec. 28, 9 a.m.
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon).	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 28, 9 a.m.
*Straits, Batavia, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar and *South Africa	Ord.,	Dec. 28, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow	On Lee	Tues., Dec. 28, 10 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Barentsz	Tues., Dec. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "France Orient Service"—due Marseilles 9th January, 1938.	Yochow	Tues., Dec. 28, 12.30 p.m.
Salon, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 24th January 1938.	Tsinan	Tues., Dec. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Athos II.	Tues., Dec. 28, 4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and *Haliphong	Reg.,	Dec. 28, 4.30 p.m.
Samshul and Wuchow	Ord.,	Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Haliphong	Athos II.	Tues., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Reg., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 19th January and *Europe via Siberia	Ord.,	Dec. 28, 5.30 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Yingchow Thurs.	Dec. 30, 12.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Always Direct Service.	C.N.A.C. Plane	Thurs., Dec. 30, 12.30 p.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	K.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Parcels	Ord.,	Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	G.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Manila	Ord.,	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 11th January, 1938.	G.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, *East and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 30th January.	Kashima Maru	Fri., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
(Due Brisbane, 18th January, 1938)	Ord.,	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Friday		
*Straits and Calcutta	Kumsang	Fri., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Parcels	Ord.,	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Fri., Dec. 31, 12.30 p.m.
Manila	P. Coldridge Fri.	Dec. 31, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 11th January, 1938.	Kashima Maru	Fri., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, *East and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 30th January.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 31, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane.	Ord.,	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
(Due Brisbane, 18th January, 1938)	Kashima Maru	Fri., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Saturday		
*Manila	Pres. Van Buren Sat.	Jan. 1, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Santos Maru	Sat., Jan. 1, 10 a.m.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Suwa Maru	Sat., Jan. 1, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 10th January, 1938	Imperial Airways Plane Sat.	Jan. 1, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for Australia by the "Imperial Airways Direct Service". (Due Darwin, 5th January, 1938)	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 2, 9 a.m.
	G.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 2, 9 a.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 2, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Air Mail for Manila Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways, Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 9th January 1938.	Pan-American Plane	Mon., Jan. 9, 10 a.m.
	K.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Reg., Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 4, 6 a.m.
*Subscribed correspondence only		

Half Of Colony's Chinese Literate

The report of the Director of Education for the year 1936 has been issued. It states in brief:—The following figures which are of educational interest are quoted from the report on the census taken on the night of March 7, 1931.—Chinese 821,420, Non-Chinese 28,322, Total Population 849,751.

Of the Chinese population 44 per cent. claim ability to write and read their mother tongue. If only persons of 16 years of age and over are taken into account, the figure rises to 52 per cent. Of the non-Chinese population approximately 90 per cent. were literate; in the case of children under eleven the figure drops to 87 per cent.

According to the Census report there were 119,008 children between the age of five and 14 distributed as follows:—Hongkong and Kowloon 60,481, New Territories 17,040, Aloft 12,587, Total 110,008.

Owing to severe financial stringency the department was called upon to limit its activities and reduce its expenditure in a number of ways including "inter alia" a reduction of approximately 50 per cent. in the approved expenditure on personnel and equipment of the Trade School, and a 10 per cent. reduction, effective as from January 1937, in the Capital Grants for the English Grant-in-aid Schools.

In order to give effect to certain recommendations made by Mr. E. Burney, one of H.M.'s Inspectors of Schools, who reported on the Educational System in 1935, a School Certificate Examination to be taken at Class 2 will replace the present School Certificate Examination at Class 1 conducted by the Hongkong University.

Fire Regulations

At the beginning of the school year arrangements for physical training were extended so as to comprise all classes in all provided urban schools for boys and girls, British and Anglo-Chinese, and the Grant-in-aid Schools were formally notified that in so far as they had not already done so they would be required to take similar steps within a delay of one year as a condition of Grant.

The heavy and anxious task accepted by the department in connection with the comprehensive survey by the Fire Authorities of private Vernacular Schools on the register prior to the 1935 revision of the regulations began in March 1934 and methodically pursued since, was completed a few weeks after the end of the year. As such it falls to be recorded in next year's report, but it may be noted here that the number of schools involved exceeded 700 and the number compulsorily closed exceeded 1 in 10.

Female Education
Of the 79,679 children under instruction in the schools of the Colony during 1936, 25,432 or rather more than 30 per cent. of the whole were attending schools for girls or were girls attending mixed schools. Of the 1,217 in provided schools, 274 were in the mixed schools for British children. The Evening Institute accounted for 222. There were 167 in attendance at the Vernacular Normal School for Women and the remaining 554 were at the Bellifus Public School.

THROUGH A CAT'S EYES

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probably when the latter appeared that the ability to distinguish different colours was called for and developed. So bees and other flower-frequenting insects are able to distinguish colours, though to a very limited extent compared with ourselves.

Elusive Reds and Greens

Very few people are totally colour-blind like the cat, but quite an appreciable number are partially so. The commonest type consists in inability to distinguish reds and greens. For a long time it was not known just how colours appeared to the partly colour-blind; even the great Helmholtz regarded the problem as insoluble, for a colour-blind person cannot describe his sensations in terms comprehensible to the person with normal vision.

But the point was cleared up when one or two rare individuals cropped up who were colour-blind in one eye only; with the good eye they saw normally—reds, greens, yellows, blues, with the other the last two colours only. The detection of colour blindness is not always easy, for its victims, themselves often unaware of it, develop a remarkable faculty of compensation by acute observation of differences in brightness alone. But detection is vital in the case of those whose job it is to match colours or to distinguish coloured lights, such as look-out men at sea and railway signallers.

But all this fastidious hair-splitting associated with colour discrimination would indeed be, from Puss's point of view, enough to make a cat laugh!

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RADIO BROADCAST

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Tziglans; Old Vienna Melodies (Polack); Good Old Times; This Year's Wine; Edith Lovand and Her Viennese Orchestra.

7.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 Studio—Carols Quartette: Eva Turner (Soprano), Helen Lockhart (Contralto), G. d'Aquino (Tenor), Victor Sanders (Bass) accompanied by E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Chinese Programme—Relay from the Tai Ping Theatre.

11.0 Close down.

8.05-11.0 European Programme from ZEK, on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.05 Ballet Egyptian (Luglun). Played by Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.18 Songs by Maria Eggerth (Soprano).

Love's Melody (from the film); Voices Of Spring—Waltz Song (Joh. Strauss-Gene-Grothe); The Blue Danube—Waltz Song (Joh. Strauss-Amberg-Grothe).

8.30 London Relay—"Empire Exchange".

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

8.45 Rachmaninoff—Rhapsody On A Theme Of Paganini For Piano And Orchestra, Op. 43.

Played by Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

9.10 Songs by Rose Bampton (Contralto) and Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Swans (Kramer); Do Not Go, My Love (Hageman); ... Rose Bampton; The Strong Go On (Thayer); Peter Dawson; When I Bring To You Colours Toys; Light My Light (from 'Gitanjali'). ... Rose Bampton; Sons Of The Sea (Coleridge-Taylor); Whateman, What Of The Night (Sarjeant). ... Peter Dawson.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

King Speaks To Empire

Now Head Of Great Family Of Nations

London, Dec. 25. His Majesty, broadcasting from Sandringham to every country in the Empire, and also to America on the three United States national networks, recalled the broadcasts initiated by his father as the revered head of a great family.

He said, "I cannot aspire to take his place nor do I think that you would wish me to carry on unvarying a tradition so personal to him, but as this is the first Christmas since the Coronation, the Queen and I feel that we want to send you all a further word of gratitude for the love and loyalty you have shown us from every corner of the Empire during this unforgettable year. So to all of you we send our Christmas greetings and wish you, under God's blessing, health and prosperity in the years that lie ahead."—Reuter.

ROYAL FAMILY LISTENS

London, Dec. 26. King George, seated alone in his study on the ground floor of Sandringham, broadcast a message of greeting to the Empire, while the whole world listened to the simple dignity and sincerity which were the keynote of the speech, which was prefaced by a reference to "my father's broadcasts" and the happiness they had brought into the homes and hearts of listeners all over the world.

The King emphasised that his broadcast was not to be regarded as a perpetuation of the tradition of his father's broadcasts, but as "a further expression of gratitude for the love and loyalty of the Empire."

His Majesty had lunch with the members of his family. The rest of the royal party, during the broadcast, including Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose, gathered round a loud speaker specially installed in the upper part of Sandringham.

It is understood in court circles that reference to the tradition of his father's broadcasts by the King is not regarded as making further broadcasts by the King unlikely.

Reception of the King's broadcast was excellent practically everywhere. For example, Capetown, Johannesburg, and Wellington in New Zealand, where 100 per cent. clarity. At Toronto in Canada the voice was so natural that it seemed as if the King were speaking from the next room.—Reuter.

Reception in Hongkong was also excellent, the speech commencing shortly after 11 p.m. local time.

ROOSEVELT CELEBRATES

Gives America Message Of Peace and Goodwill

Washington, Dec. 25. President Roosevelt led the nation by ushering in Christmas, when he lighted a tree in Lafayette Park, at the same time sending a message of peace and goodwill above 2,000 steeple-bells in the rain, while the choir sang "Holy Night."

The President was accompanied by

9.50 Hawaiian Music.

Hawaiian Happiness—Medley.

Vocal Chorus; Hawaiian Stars Are Gleaming (Ege and Rosen); Oh! Rosalita (Ege and Llossas); ... Linn Milford and His Hawaiian Players with Vocal Chorus; Lion Rag; Lonesome Without My Baby; ... Masters' Hawaiians; Hawaiian Love—Waltz (Alohikoa); ... No! Lane's Fox-Trot (Alohikoa); ... Vocal refrain by N. Lopez and trio.

10.15 London Relay—Jack Payne's Party.

Jack Payne is having a party in the studio to which he has invited several world-famous stage, film, and radio stars. Listen in and join in the fun.

11.15 Close down.

JAPANESE DETAINED

Allegedly Drunk And Disorderly

Akira Masuda, 23, and Yutaku Kowada, 32, two Japanese belonging to the staff of a curio store in Kowloon, were arrested in Peking Road on Saturday evening for allegedly disorderly conduct while under the influence of drink.

It is stated that when some people attempted to quieten the two men, who were attracting a crowd with their behaviour, they picked up sticks and beat their way out of the crowd that surrounded them. It is also understood that when Sergeant Estall went to arrest the two men they refused to move from where they were, and it was only with the aid of two or three pedestrians that the Sergeant finally took them to the Tsimshatsui Police Station, where they were charged.

the sons of his former wife, James and John.

The President united his widely scattered family with a three-way long distance connection with Seattle and Fort Worth—United Press.

Mrs. Roosevelt. Seattle, Dec. 25. Mrs. Roosevelt arrived by train from Portland. It is presumed she will leave by plane for Washington early in the week.—United Press.

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ANGLO-AMERICAN TRADE PACT

Apparently there was a moment's pause when Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons that negotiations for a trade agreement with the U.S.A. were sufficiently advanced to warrant the publication of the fact. That 'informal and exploratory discussions' had been taking place every one knew. The open declaration at this particular time came as a surprise. When the significance of the statement was realised, there was an outburst of applause from every quarter of the House.

It is common knowledge that one of the chief underlying causes of world unrest is to be found in the economic maladjustments between nations that have prevailed ever since the World War ended.

One of the basic realities on which the Covenant of the League of Nations is built is that the Modern World is a unity economically. That is why perhaps the first purpose expressed in the Preamble to the Covenant is not, as might have been expected, the search for 'peace and security,' but the promotion of 'international co-operation.' Very unhappily governments and peoples have been almost completely blind to the necessity of such co-operation in the economic sphere. Each nation has sought for salvation and prosperity in complete independence of other nations, very often indeed by measures that have definitely damaged those others.

The reasons have been only partially economic. Tariffs, currency manipulations, quotas, exchange restrictions, have also quite frequently been utilised as convenient weapons of political warfare. 'Economic nationalism,' as this tendency has been appropriately called by the League of Nations experts, has become a common feature in the foreign policy of all the industrial nations. It is seen at its worst in the efforts of the dictator states to make water run up hill, to become completely 'self-sufficient' in preparation for war. But to a varying extent other nations are tarred with the same brush.

Every intelligent person has realised for some time now that not be mastered.

RECENT events have tended very strongly to reinforce the view taken last December by the Labour Party when the issues of the abdication were so fiercely contested.

Upon the Duke of Windsor's marriage, the Party in the House expressed no opinion. So far as it was concerned, the personal rights and wrongs of his marriage were not an issue.

What it stated was its emphatic judgment that a constitutional monarch must act upon the advice of his ministers.

The alternative, as it insisted, was that his personal views must become the measure of State action. And that, it urged, is an impossible position in representative democracy.

For sooner or later, it means a party of the King's friends. If it pays to influence the King's mind, there will be people to plot and intrigue to secure access to it. They will seek to bend it one way rather than another way. They will try to magnify his authority. They will want to make him not, as now, a dignified emollient, but a source of active power.

Sooner or later, the Labour Party said, that means the abandonment of royal neutrality. A king who is known to have strong views will be pressed to act upon them. There will be constant danger of his yielding to the pressure.

Latent in that position is the prospect that conflict between the Crown and its ministers will emerge.

WE have had past experience of that conflict. We know that an active monarch is, given our social system, almost bound to be a reactionary monarch.

The limit of the royal position must, in the judgment of the Labour Party, lie in its right to advise, to encourage and to warn. The right to act is a ministerial prerogative; it cannot reside elsewhere. To 'jeopardise' that principle is to undermine the foundations of our constitutional system.

The recent experiences of the Duke of Windsor go gravely to support the Labour view of last December. We need not doubt that he was full of good will for social purposes in which he was genuinely interested.

We need not doubt, either, that he thought himself capable of forwarding views which he believed to be important for public welfare. The point that emerges from his experience is twofold. It is, first, that as soon as a man who is in his position desires to express views upon matters of social dispute, there will be persons ready and eager to exploit those views.

He may profess impartiality; he may profess his neutrality between conflicting parties and doctrines. He cannot maintain either the

profession or the protest. His utterance, his connections, his gestures even, are there to be discussed and debated.

Whatever his purposes, interested persons will interpret them, and he cannot escape the consequences of the interpretation. He is bound to become a partisan even while he seeks to avoid it.

That is clear from the Duke of Windsor's experience. Whatever his intention, his visit to Hitler's Germany was already a choice. He had not visited M. Blum. He had no wish to see French experiments in social welfare.

The Abdication and After

by
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The Duke of Windsor arriving for a luncheon given for him in Paris by the Anglo-American Press Club.

At a time of bitter controversy between the Fascist and the Democratic Powers, the decision he took to visit Nazi Germany was already a gesture incompatible with impartiality. And it was a similar gesture to decide to visit the United States under the auspices of Mr. Bedaux.

For, however estimable and eminent Mr. Bedaux may be, the trade unions of the world merely regard the methods for which he stands.

THE world cannot help saying that a man is known by his friends. It cannot help feeling that such choice of friends for the purpose of disinterested inquiry reveals either lamentable ignorance or the abandonment of neutrality.

If it is the first, then the Duke needs to be told that such ignorance is a dangerous thing in a critical world.

If it is the second, it is, of course, a very grave departure from habits of impartiality which are obvious to anyone who knows the history of the royal family before the Victorian epoch.

I do not, of course, know what the Duke intended to secure by his tours. If his purpose was to encourage better housing

and better industrial conditions, the obvious comment is that, admirable as that intention is, he cannot do so without involving himself in passionate controversies.

At some stage he is bound to reveal views. At some stage, also, people whose interests are affected will be bound to discuss those views.

NOT only he will be involved. The whole position of the royal family will be involved. Once he occupies himself with matters that are necessarily political, he is not a private person. An ex-king, a royal prince even, is a public person. He cannot be otherwise.

He is, let it be added, a public person who rarely has any special competence in the realm of social matters. He abandons the path of safety the moment that he tries to use his influence in some given direction.

He holds himself out to be exploited by anyone who has the means to exploit him. He is bound to give offence by doing one thing rather than another thing, by linking himself with one set of persons rather than another set of persons.

The Duke of Windsor can hardly fail to have realised that by now. His visit to Germany was, quite frankly, a disastrous mistake. His courtesy to his hosts was bound to be exploited. His inability to see the other Germany—the Germany of Thaelmann and Ostetsky, of the headman and the concentration camps—set a terrible perspective to his experiment.

The same would have been true of the American visit. He might have talked to Mr. Lewis and to Mr. Green; he might have dined with the greatest democrat who has sat in the Presidential chair since Abraham Lincoln.

But no trade unionist could have

forgotten that Mr. Bedaux was his sponsor. No trade unionist could have forgotten, either, that he was so ignorant of current controversies as to have chosen Mr. Bedaux as his sponsor.

Either the outcome of his visit would have been a body of meaningless platitudes—hardly worth the labour of a visit—or he would have been plunged into discussions which, granted his position, it is altogether unseemly for him to enter.

When the Duke of Windsor decided to abdicate last December, he ought to have realised that the only part it is possible for him to play is that of a private gentleman.

The métier of ex-king is an impossible one in this world. It means the holding of opinions; it means the expression of opinions. Sooner or later, and sooner rather than later, it means the forceful light of public debate about every utterance and action of himself and his entourage. From that is the formation of a party about him is one step, but one step only.

FRANKLY, it is a very dangerous step. An ex-king is bound to involve others beyond himself. He cannot avoid being a politician by the mere fact of his action. He is bound to embarrass himself. He is bound, further, to embarrass all with whom he comes into contact by the choices he is compelled to make.

Already people ask why the Duke does not now visit the Soviet Union. One day it will be Scandinavia; next it will be Rome. The sooner he realises that his attempt to influence policy is an attempt, whether he will or no, to form a party, the better for himself and every one else.

A member of our royal family is limited, by the nature of its function, to a purely ceremonial part in life which raises him beyond that level where controversy can range. His business is to unite opinions and not to divide them. No doubt it is a dull and exacting function.

The alternative is that he should enter an arena in which, by the nature of things, quarter is neither given nor sought.

Those are the best friends of the Duke who can persuade him that, when he abandoned the throne, he abandoned, also, the right to play a significant part in affairs. As a private gentleman there is no one who will not wish him well.

AS a public figure, he cannot expect any other treatment than is accorded to those who seek to determine the direction of public events.

And, in a representative democracy, the first need for those who seek that power to influence is their understanding that, by doing so, they have deliberately abandoned their title to impartiality.

The Duke is insistent that this title should be his. To secure his wish, he must confine himself to that private world he entered almost a year ago.

To-day's Thought

WE give advice, but we cannot give conduct.
—LA ROCHEFOUCAULD.

THROUGH A CAT'S EYES

DID it ever occur to you that you live in an entirely different world from your cat? That may account for Puss's detached though mercenary attitude towards you.

In the first place, there is the difference in point of view; it makes all the difference to your conception of things whether you sit on a chair and take your food off a table or stroll through a forest of furniture legs and approach the table-top at your peril.

It is the same in the garden, where your herbaceous border is Puss's only jungle.

Of course, you, who are constrained to walk on the floors of your dwelling and use only doors as means of access, are at a serious disadvantage compared with Thomas, who favours moon-bathing on the tiles, and to whom every window is a door as well.

But view-point is not everything—for from it if Puss and you view the same object, a bird, a fish, a ball, a piece of cheese, for example, from the same stance, do you both see the same thing?

Not by any means! And the chief reason for this is that, although you might never suspect it, Thomas is colour-blind. He has concealed the fact well, but scientists have found out that he is quite unable to distinguish different colours so long as they are of the same degree of brightness.

A Black-and-White World

The startling discovery is confirmed by an examination of the cat's eye, which shows that poor Puss has no mechanism for the sorting-out of colours, and therefore, sees everything in black, white, and different shades of grey.

Now, at first sight, this state of affairs might seem a very grave handicap to Puss, but it is not so indeed. After all, he doesn't know what he misses in the way of colour-schemes; so he doesn't care a bit. Moreover, Tom has much keener sight in meagre light than you have, though he cannot quite see in the dark, as has often been imagined.

Absolute colour-blindness is shared by other night-prowling animals besides the cat, and is compensated for by exceptional acuity of vision in what we consider very poor illumination.

Scientists tell us, too, that the ability to distinguish different colours is a comparatively recent acquisition among animals. The cat of a million years hence may be just as able to appreciate the rainbow as we are now. Sight itself has evolved gradually, as living organisms have. Some lowly animals are sensitive to light, as plants are, without having eyes at all.

Green trees existed long before there were coloured flowers; it was (Continued on Page 5.)

New Japanese Threat To British Empire

Military And Commercial Activities In Siam Are Intensified

Airbase Threat To S'pore

Singapore, Dec. 20.

Japanese activities in Siam, both military and commercial, are direct threats against the British Empire, according to the *Singapore Morning Tribune*.

Among other things, the paper claims that Japanese aid is being used to build a huge new airbase at Bangkok, within flying range of Britain's £20,000,000 (\$100,000,000) air and naval base.

Commenting on the signing of a Treaty of Friendship between Siam and Japan, the *Morning Tribune* states:

"British Malaya must be closely interested in the terms of the new Treaty, for military concessions in Siam would be a threat to the safety of this country and of the Singapore base."

"Japanese capital", the newspaper alleges, "is being used for the construction of new roads and railways in Siam, which are designed for strategic purposes. The new airbase, which is being built largely with Japanese aid, is to serve as an airbase if a war with Britain does come."

"More and more the Siamese Navy is being 'Japanized' through the training of naval cadets and officers on Japanese training vessels."

"It is well known that Japan has built many of the more recent vessels which have been added to the Siamese Navy."

"Miles and miles of plain to the South of Bangkok are said to have been taken over by Japanese interests for the production of cotton, which will help her to become independent of British Empire cotton supplies, which are the raw materials of her vast textile trade."

The *Morning Tribune* also refers to the rumour of a plan to build a canal across the Isthmus of Kra, on Siamese territory at the base of the Malay Peninsula, thus short-circuiting Singapore and providing a shorter, alternative trade route between the Far East and Europe.

"One story even has it", the newspaper adds, "that the Siamese Government itself is planning to build a canal for the production of cotton, which will help her to become independent of British Empire cotton supplies, which are the raw materials of her vast textile trade."

This plan is denied in Bangkok, where it is also stated that the new Treaty gives Japan no concessions which are not given to other powers. The Siamese Government states that its object is to give all powers equal rights in Siam.

The *Morning Tribune* cites the view, frequently expressed in the Soviet Press, that Japan wishes to use Siam as a base from which to strike southwards at British Malaya and the Dutch East Indies. It adds that the Russian view is probably exaggerated, but "shows how closely interested Malaya perforce must be in the terms of the new Treaty between Siam and Japan."

The newspaper concludes that unless the new Treaty were to require secrecy, the constructions which have been placed on Siamese-Japanese relations would be sufficient to induce the Siamese Government to make them public.

Allegation Of Nanking

Invasion Of Refugee Zone Confirmed

Hankow, Dec. 24. A Chinese official statement declares that the Shanghai reports of the Nanking massacre have been confirmed by foreign and Chinese private sources from Nanking, including the invasion of the refugee zone and the killing of thousands of poor defenceless people.

"The story of Japanese fury after entering the city is slowly being pieced together from authentic foreign and Chinese sources, and reveals a record of horror and shame which, according to observers, will remain one of the darkest and bloodiest pages in the history of Japanese aggression."

The statement further draws attention to the fact that Nanking was only a repetition of the devastating of the area between Shanghai and Sunghang, and denounces Japan which "seeks the hand of the Chinese people by murdering their brethren."

—United Press.

50,000 CHINESE KILLED

Nanchang, Dec. 25. According to a foreign report received from Nanking, more than 50,000 Chinese males under forty years of age were massacred by Japanese troops following the occupation of the capital by the invaders.

Chinese civilians who were trapped in Nanking following the occupation by Japanese troops, are being forced to buy special "passes" at 22 each. Traitors have opened offices to

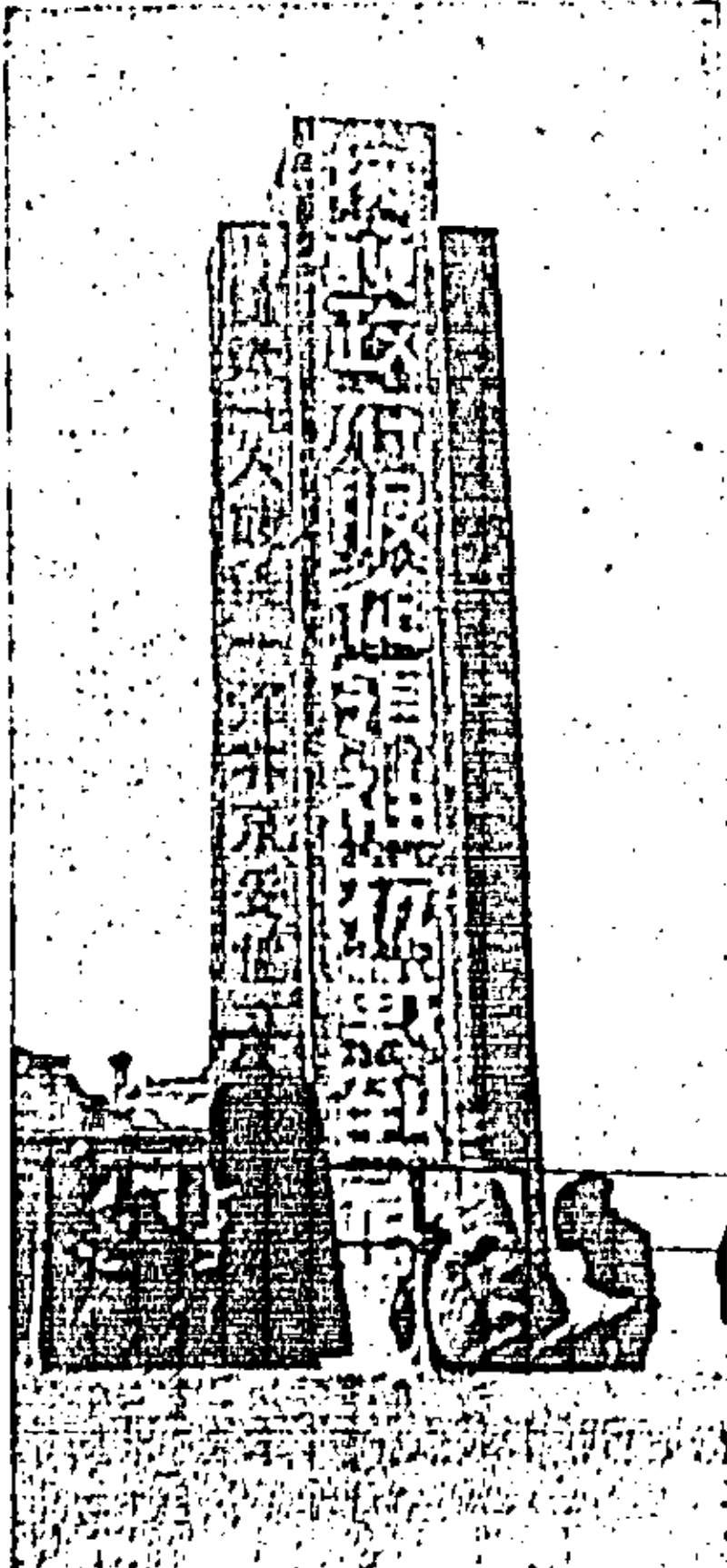
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Shy Fellow



DEFIANCE!



Slogan erected on the Bund of Hankow. The central column reads: "Support Government, Obey the Leader, and Resist to Bitter End." Right column: "Don't hesitate to go to the front, those who remain in the rear have their duty to maintain; to keep order behind the lines." The left column: "No compromise even if we have only one man and one bullet left."

Italy Seeks To Buy Exiled Abyssinians

ITALIAN agents in Palestine are trying to buy the loyalty of exiled Abyssinian nobles living in Jerusalem.

Sixty men, women and children from the greatest families in Abyssinia are facing starvation in a two-story house under the shadow of the Jerusalem gaoi.

Future they have none. Half-a-dozen have found work, mostly in garages. Others are learning English to qualify them for jobs.

But most of them wander aimlessly about the streets or repeat their prayers for hours on end, writes the *Daily Herald* Jerusalem correspondent.

WELL PAID JOBS

Templing, by contrast, is the prospect held out to them if they will consent to return to Abyssinia under Italian tutelage.

Italian agents have promised them free trips home and well-paid jobs there.

But only three of the exiled nobles have so far accepted, and they have won the contempt of their companions.

The starving refugees fled with the Emperor from their country nearly 18 months ago, when Mussolini's troops overran it.

MONEY GONE

With the party there were 80 cases of "fabulous treasure," actually no more than silver Abyssinian coins.

Part of this money the Emperor left with them, but that has long gone, as have the other sums. He has been able to send them from England from time to time.

All they had left was their women's beautiful but primitive jewellery, precious heirlooms that their owners clung to through the worst miseries of their flight.

Even these they have now had to part with, and in half a dozen Jerusalem curio dealers' windows the proudest possessions of Abyssinia's nobility are on sale for every casual tourist to see.

handle the "business" and each pass holder is required to wear an arm band with the inscription "Great Japan."—Central News.

NATURE COLONY FIGHTS POLICE

Laxton (Northants), Nov. 14.

As the last of nine majestic Italian elms was felled this afternoon on the village green of Laxton, ten miles from Kettering, "back-to-nature" colonists engaged in a bare fist fight with police.

As a result a Wellingborough police superintendent, whose nose was badly damaged, and a police-constable, who was injured in the stomach, have been placed on the sick list.

America Does Not Let Lindberghs Forget

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS after his return to America Colonel Charles Lindbergh had a reminder of the tragedy that made him seek refuge in England.

A telephone boy arrived at the barbed-wire entanglements which guard the estate of Colonel Lindbergh's mother-in-law, Mrs. Dwight Morrow—where the Lindberghs are staying—and handed a telegram to one of the armed guards.

It was signed by Kurt Mertig, chairman of the New York Citizens' Protective League, and it claimed that Bruno Richard Hauptmann, the German carpenter electrocuted for kidnapping and murdering the Lindberghs' first-born, was innocent.

THREE REASONS

The telegram asked for help for the widowed Mrs. Hauptmann who is "bereft of support and in dire distress."

Lindbergh's return, the *Daily Express* understands, was for three reasons.

First, he wanted to test the "publicity atmosphere," to find out if it would be possible for him to return from his self-imposed exile to a quiet life in America, and to see if the kidnapping menace had dwindled.

He found that public interest in his movements was as avid as ever.

Newspapers devoted their front pages to details of his secret arrival, and pictures of him attending meals on board the President Harding, in which he had travelled from Southampton.

WIFE HOMESICK

Worst of all, Colonel Lindbergh arrived just as police began their investigation of another kidnapping. A ransom note demanding £20,000 for the safe return of Arthur Fried, thirty-two-year-old son of a wealthy Westchester family, was delivered on the day of the Lindberghs' return.

Secondly, the Lindberghs came back because Anne Lindbergh was homesick. She wanted to see her family, wanted to see America.

So she persuaded her husband to take her to America for their Christmas holidays.

Thirdly, Lindbergh had work to do connected with his artificial heart experiments, and with his financial interests.

AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION NEARS 7,000,000

Twenty Thousand Surplus Women In Victoria

AUSTRALIA'S population is approaching the seven million mark. The latest figures of the Commonwealth Statistician give it at

The dispute arose following the action of Georgina, Countess of Bandon, of Laxton Park House, who, claiming the green as her property and being advised that the trees were dangerous, had them felled.

Some villagers and colonists were angered at the decision, as the trees made the green a favourite rendezvous for artists.

The colonists, London business men tired of a city life, have their homes in a woodland camp about a mile from the village, where they lead a primitive life. They are bearded and wear smocks.

Armed with saws and axes they arrived on the green in a body this afternoon. As the fallen elms were being placed on drags two or three of them took up positions on the trunks and refused to move.

APPEAL BY POLICE

"We are not going to let them take the trees away, whatever happens," one of them said.

Superintendent Williams, of Wellingborough, who with an inspector, a sergeant and constable had driven up, advised the colonists and villagers not to prevent the removal of the trees.

The incident in which Superintendent Williams was injured is alleged to have occurred as the last tree trunk was being hauled into position by a traction engine.

There was a rush, in which the police became involved. P. C. Crow's helmet was smashed, and he himself received injuries to the body.

Telephone messages were sent to Kettering and Wellingborough for police reinforcements, which arrived in 20 minutes.

BARE FISTS

Before the rush in which the police were injured, the colonists threw down their axes and saws and used only bare fists.

At a special occasional court at Oundle to-morrow Mr. G. Hawkswell, leader of the colony and chairman of the village council, will appear, charged with assaulting Superintendent Williams.

Mr. J. Marlyn Collins, of Messrs. Richardson, of Stamford, Lincs., agents to Lady Bandon, stated that Lady Bandon was reluctant to have the elms felled.

"At a parish meeting attention was called to the trees being dangerous," he explained, "and after consultation with her legal adviser Lady Bandon agreed to have them felled. A month ago three dead trees were cut down and to-day other dangerous elms were felled."

"Lady Bandon has no desire to interfere with the right of way of the villagers over the green or the people's right to use it. It is a question of the removal of dangerous trees."

6,831,363 of which 3,437,787 are males and 3,393,576 are females.

Two of the States, only, have now an excess of females. South Australia has two more women than men in a total of 568,678; Victoria has 22,228 surplus women in a population of 1,855,688.

Australia's population is now 69.1 per cent. British stock.

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12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.20 The Mills Brothers. Rhythm Saved The World (Cahn, Chaplin); Shoe Shine Boy (Cahn, Chaplin); My Headache (Hazzel, Johnson); Miss Ols Regrets (Cole Porter).

12.42 Billy Mayerl (Piano) and Frances Langford (Vocal). Nimble Fingered Gentleman (Mayerl); Mistletoe (Mayerl). Billy Mayerl; Is It True What They Say About Dixie (Cuesar, Lerner, Marks); Melody From The Sky (from "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine"). Frances Langford; Orange Blossom (Mayerl); Limehouse Blues (Braham-Trans. Mayerl). Billy Mayerl.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 London Symphony Orchestra. A Night At The Proms (Bizet, Schubert, Rossini, Mendelssohn, Bach and Nicolai); Bavarian Dance, Op. 27, No. 1 (Elgar); Bavarian Dance, Op. 27, No. 2 (Elgar); "Khovantchina"—Persian Dances (Moussorgsky, arr. Rimsky-Korsakov).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Variety. Orchestra—"This'll Make You Whistle" Selection. Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony; Vocal—One of The Little Orphans Of The Storm; Queen Of Hearts (both from film "Queen Of Hearts"); Gracie Fields; Piano-Accordion Band—Wine Song (film "Caravan").

London Piano-Accordion Band; Humorous—The Stocking (Henry and Reeve). John Henry and "Blossom"; Vocal—Dere's A Man Goin' Round Takin' Names (Brown); Work All De Summer; Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel (Brown).

Paul Robeson (Bass); Orchestra—L'ultima Parola—Tango (Ferraris); Sweetheart Czarina (Marie). Don Rico and His Gypsy Girls Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

5.0-8.05 European Programme.

8.05-11.0 Chinese Programme.

5.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

1. Mickey Mouse Birthday Party; 2. It Ain't Right; 3. I'm walking thru Heaven with you; 4. Rose Room.

5.15 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

5.20 5. Lady be good; 6. Mabuhay; 7. Goodnight my love; 8. Moon over Miami.

5.35 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

5.40 9. Salbait in the Moonlight; 10. Boo Hoo; 11. That old Feeling; 12. These foolish things.

5.55 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

6.0 13. Indian Love Call; 14. Follow your heart; 15. Pity Me.

6.15 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

6.20 16. Blossoms on Broadway; 17. Cause my Baby says it's so; 18. Melihini Mele.

6.30 Children's Records.

Children's Overture (Quilter). New Light Symphony Orchestra; Uncle Peter's Children's Party. Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

6.48 Organ Music. Choral (Bach); Andante—from "Sonata No. 9" (Mendelssohn); Edouard Commette (Organ); Can-dence Mupline (Dubois); Imperial March (Elgar). Stanley Roper playing on the Organ of St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.

7.03 Light Orchestral and Vocal Concert. Haffner Serenade—Rondo (Mozart). Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra; Cleo Czardasfurstin—Potpourri (Khlman). Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra; St. Vaux Voyez Cello Quo d'Alme (Bos-Billaud); Roujours Content De Moi (Bos-Billaud). Albert Pre-jann (Bass); Marche Tzigon (Kapner and Jurnmann); Les Nuits Moscovites, Waltz (from the film). Alfred Rode et ses

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F. A. PLAYERS GET THAT "CHRISTMAS" FEELING

ARSENAL INSTALLED CUP FAVOURITES

Return Of Drake Makes Great Difference

London, Nov. 23. Speculation is already rife as to the clubs most likely to make a big show in this season's F.A. Cup competition, although the first and second division sides will not be seen in action until the third round proper.

Arsenal have been installed favourites at 100 to 8. They have occupied this exalted position for many years although they have won the Cup only twice.

The return of Drake to the centre-forward berth is expected to make an immense difference to Arsenal and certainly, although he only let himself go at half speed, Drake has been a big factor in Arsenal's victory against Charlton this week. It is generally believed that the Highbury team will concentrate on the cup as they have such a lot of leeway to make up on the leaders.

Sunderland are listed at 10 to 1, but it is an axiom in modern football that a club does not win the Cup for two years in succession.

Although Chelsea have got together a side which looks as if it would promise well in a knockout competition, they may prefer to fight for League honours, as these have never come their way. The pensioners have made one appearance in the final but were rather easily defeated.

Any side that reaches Wembley must have the rub of the green in their favour and the fact that Brentford are quoted at 20 to 1 can only be justified by the belief that they will prefer to consolidate their present strong League position in preference to running the risk of falling between the two prizes.

GLAND TREATMENT

Last year's runners-up, Preston North End, are also in the list at 20 to 1, but 10 to 1 is all that is offered against Wolverhampton Wanderers. Is gland treatment anything to do with the latter price? Since Wolverhampton Wanderers started gland treatment last August, the question of whether it is possible to inject goals has been tantalizing football manager.

Gland treatment for footballers was reported to be occupying the attention of the Football Association and it was then rumoured that they might try to ban it.

At the time of the rumour it was pointed out that gland treatment is a recognized branch of medicine and as a player can go to his own doctor, it was doubtful if a ban would have any effect.

An official of the Football Association has since stated that the governing body have never even discussed the matter and that it is unlikely that they will. It is entirely a domestic affair for the clubs.

OTHER CLUBS INTERESTED
Mr. Jack Tresaden, manager of Tottenham-Hotspur and a former

English international, intends to try out the treatment on himself, providing that he can get the assurance of medical authority that the gland injections will do him no harm.

If it proves beneficial he intends to try the facts before his directors, who will decide whether the treatment shall be introduced to the Hotspur players.

Mr. Tresaden feels that if the claim that the treatment will generally tone up players, increase their resistance, give them extra push and stamina and make them think and act more quickly, is substantiated, no football manager can afford to ignore such treatment for his team. Preston North End and Portsmouth are also believed to be introducing the treatment to their players, and Queen's Park Rangers are "waiting for developments."

Other managers are not keen on the idea of scientific super footballers. Brentford's manager expressed himself thus:

"If I considered, or was authorized, advised, that a young, athletic fellow would not be fit to take part in a match without injections, he would not be in my team."

£10,000 FOR A FORWARD

The first £10,000 football transfer deal for several seasons was completed last week when Blackpool secured William Buchan, an inside forward, for that amount from Glasgow Celtic.

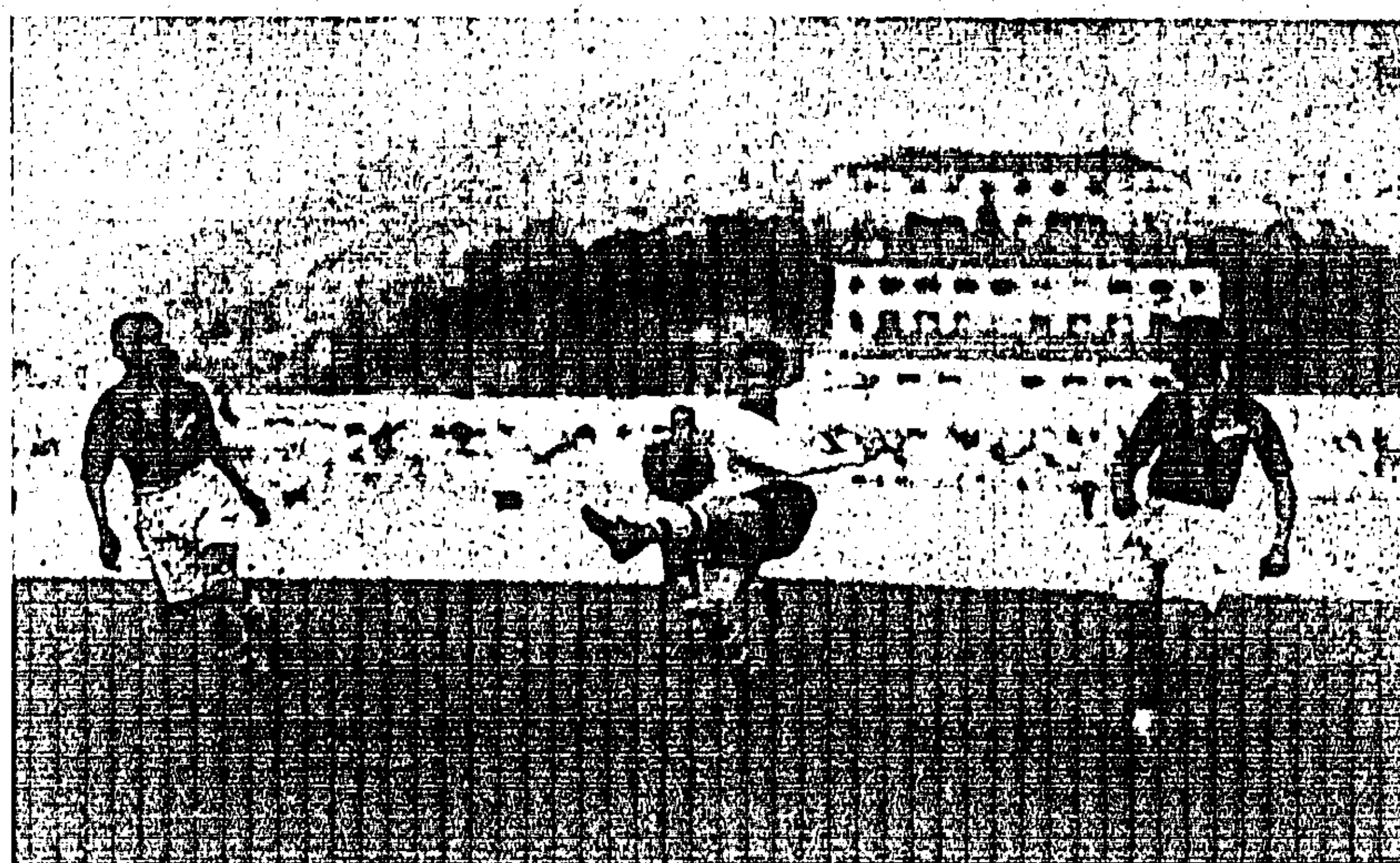
Buchan has been sought after for the past two years by a number of leading English clubs. He is regarded second only in skill to Walker, of Hearts of Midlothian, for whom Arsenal offered £12,000.

The last deal of £10,000 was two years ago, when Blackpool transferred Doherty to Manchester City. Large sums previously paid this season for players were £7,000 each for Hunt, centre-forward, transferred from the Spurs to Arsenal, and Clayton, centre-forward, from Wolverhampton to Aston Villa.

GOLF FINAL

W. Taylor defeated F. E. A. Remedios in the final of the Kowloon Golf Club Championship yesterday, by 10 and 9, over 36 holes.

At the 18th hole Taylor was 8 up.



Knox, virile young Kowloon F.C. player, famous for his left-footed drives, caught by the camera in the act of potting at goal in the Christmas Day match against the Chinese Federation Eleven. Li Tin-sang and Mak Siu-hon are in close attendance. (Phot. Mac Cheung).

University Boat-Race Prospects

The University Trial Eights races of both Oxford and Cambridge will be decided next Saturday, the Oxford race taking place at Henley and the Cambridge contest at Ely. Afterwards the President and his advisers, at each university, will begin their task of selecting crews to take part in next year's Boat Race.

A few weeks ago it was doubtful if the Cambridge Trial Eights race would take place, for the new President, T. B. Langton, thought that the contest would rather be a waste of time, as he had almost made up his mind regarding the probable constitution of the University crew. There is certainly a lot to be said in favour of the President's view, but against it is the fact that only eight men can row in the University crew, and a Trial cap is some consolation for the unlucky oarsmen who strive after the coveted Blue all the year round. In the past the Trials often have provided valuable data to the coaches as to how oarsmen perform after a gruelling race of three miles, and many men who before the race looked like candidates for a Blue have been found wanting in the crucial test.

INTERESTING CONTEST

The race at Ely is timed to start at 3.30 p.m., from just above Sandall Bridge, Littleport, and judging from the form of the crews during the past week it should provide a most interesting contest. None of the three Blues, T. B. Langton, in Burrough, and R. J. L. Perfit, at the University, have been in the Trial crews during the past week, so it is unlikely that any great changes will be made in the composition of the eights this week. From his available material the President seems to have built up two very useful eights, and as they were rowing on Thursday, nine colleges were represented. Jesus, as Head of the River and winners (and runners-up) of the recent Coxswainless Fours, naturally predominate with four candidates, whilst Clare, Trinity Hall, Selwyn, and First Trinity each have two oarsmen.

In view of Pembroke's great predominance only a few years ago it is rather surprising to find that they are without a representative. A. E. Woolf (Monkton Combe and Jesus) and A. M. Turner (Cranleigh and Corpus Christi) are setting the work for their respective crews, but they will have to show considerable improvement before they can be considered as prospective University strokes. The filling of the stroke thwart is likely to be one of the President's biggest problems, and he may endeavour to solve it by setting the work himself, as he did in the winning Jesus fours, both last year and this.

47 MILES ROW

A few years ago people were fond of saying that oarsmen at Oxford were decadent, but such a charge cannot be levelled at them now, when they cheerfully undertake to row their boats through from Oxford to Henley, a distance of nearly forty-seven miles. The Eights, who are to race in the Trial Eights next Saturday, accomplished this journey on Thursday and Friday, reaching Wallingford on Thursday evening, and continuing to Henley on Friday. These long stretches are of very great value in getting a crew together, and once they are together, on a journey of peace comes almost automatically.

At Oxford there are four Old Blues—J. C. Cherry (the President), A. D. Hodson (the secretary), J. P. Burrough, and R. R. Stewart—again available, and the three latter were in the crews that rowed through

from Oxford and will presumably be racing next Saturday. Hodgson, who stroked the University crew so ably last March, has quite recovered from the motor accident that kept him out of the Summer Eights, and he is setting the work for "A" crew. He is stroking with all his old fire, as was evidenced by his form in leading Oriel College to victory in the recent Coxswainless Fours race. He has no fewer than five old Trial caps—J. L. Garton, H. M. Young, R. D. Burnell, F. A. L. Waldron, and G. Huse—in his crew, which is fast settling down into an excellent combination. "B" crew is being led by J. R. Bingham, who has done extremely well in that position with his college crew, Pembroke, both in the "Tortoise" and the "Eights" this year. He has Burrough, rowing at No. 6, and Stewart, at No. 4, behind him, so that these two Blues add considerable strength to the crew.

Lawn Tennis

FINCHER & MISS PERRY IN FINAL

BEAT MR. & MRS. BURNETT TO-DAY'S MATCH

It was with no small degree of satisfaction to the organising committee, and the players themselves, that E. F. Fincher and Miss Rose Perry and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett found it possible yesterday to play off their Colony mixed doubles tennis championship semi-final, after the rather unhappy contretemps which had arisen previously, when it seemed that such an important tie would be decided by a walk-over award.

Yesterday Fincher and Miss Perry won their merits, beating Mr. and Mrs. Burnett 6-2, 7-5 to qualify for the final of the championship which will be played at the Chinese Recreation Club this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The finalists are: H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu v. E. F. Fincher and Miss Rose Perry. This gives Miss Perry an opportunity of winning her third Colony title of 1937. She has already won the ladies' singles and with Mrs. Chiu, the ladies' doubles.

Today's match should provide some fine tennis. The pairs appear to be well matched, and nobody will be surprised if the decision depends on the odd set. However, in view of their past record, H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu are generally expected to prove good enough to win, especially as Mrs. Chiu is playing very good tennis right now, and bearing in mind that Rumjahn is a slightly stronger mixed doubles player than Fincher, who is inclined to keep to his own half of the court too much, and often misses opportunities of point-winning interceptions.

After the match the awards will be presented, including those won in the Chinese Recreation Club annual tournaments, the successful competitors being:

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Football BIG MATCH TO-DAY

Charity Cup Encounter

Portugal Should Beat England

(By "Veritas")

Portugal is expected to win today's International Charity Cup tie against England at the Kowloon F.C. ground, largely because it is a better balanced side, at least on paper. Nevertheless England points to a solid defence, and with ex-Sapper (Opportunist) Howlett in the forward line, the representatives of St. George may swing the game in their favour.

Added interest is given to the match by the reported inclusion in the Portuguese team of Betty Gosano, who is in Hongkong on a seasonal holiday, and who therefore makes his first appearance this season in local football. If the plays, which seem to be most likely, he will lead the attack.

There may be last-minute changes in both sides, as is so often the case with holiday matches, but if the teams turn out as advertised they will be:

England:—Chirch (Navy); Webster (Seaford) and Chris Pile (Police); Laister (Navy); Bright (Middlesex) and Bliss (Kowloon); Freshwater (Middlesex); Howlett (Police); Pearson (Middlesex); Saw (Middlesex) and Middleton (Navy).

Portugal: R. Marques; V. Costa and D. Alves; C. Remedios, B. Beltrao and G. Marques; N. Delgado, A. Ward, B. Gosano, J. Gomes and T. Alves.

The kick-off is at 3.30, and a big holiday crowd should be present to enjoy what promises to be a rousing game, and at the same time to assist in swelling the funds of local charities.

LEAGUE MATCH

One senior division league match is being played to-day. Club receiving South China "B", present leaders of the league. Club are making team experiments, and having already tried Andy Wilson at left half, and found him meeting the demands of this position, are persisting with him. Hill comes into the forward line to partner Bickford on the left wing—a most interesting experiment this.

The forward line, in fact, looks capable of lots of things, but one cannot but help feel there is a shakiness about the defence which will certainly not be conducive to success against such a smart team as South China "B".

It is difficult to imagine the result being otherwise than a fairly comfortable win for the Chinese.

DAZEDLY WATCH CHINESE WEAVE PATTERNS Two Gift Goals For The Winners

(By "Veritas")

It was very fortunate for some of the Association players that this was a holiday match with nothing attached to it save the provision of entertainment for a none-too-discerning gallery of spectators, otherwise some reputations might have suffered. One felt that some of the players were suffering from an excessive amount of Christmas Waits. All the same the match had its entertainment value, and one or two goals were worth going a long way to see.

Whilst most of the F.A. team played with an air suggesting they had had quite enough of welcoming the happy morn, the Chinese displayed a verve and enthusiasm hinting they were quite capable of greeting a happy afternoon and evening, if necessary. If nothing else, therefore, the result was in line with the difference shown in spirit by the respective teams.

There were exceptions. Knox and Leonard were two, and Evans looked as fresh as a daisy in the first half, though there was a noticeable air of judiciousness about his work in the closing stages, hinting that he felt these Christmas Day matches could be overdone. The Association had three star turns, the brightest of whom was Ulrich, a gallant little left back, who held the centre fort while his colleagues were being tied up in knots. He played himself to a standstill, but it was a grand effort, and merited much better support than it received either from Rowlands, who fingered the ball as though it were a red hot coal, Husain, who allowed the antics of Lui Shui-wing and Hui Ching-to to give him the jitters, Wilson, at left half, who looked anything but a half back, and Sherman, who, as the Navy's sole representative, seemed more intent on upholding the British tradition of sweeping the seven seas, than confining himself to the East waters where "Admiral" Chan Tak-fai and his men roamed about without serious challenge.

In short the Association defence was not the strong point of the Association team.

The forward line was also a two-man affair, with Knox giving one some pleasurable thrills with his left footed drives (though one wished, for the sake of effect, that he had kept the ball lower) and Leonard, indulging in those forages for which he is justly feared by defences in the Colony.

Both wingers were very innocuous—Bickford—in particular, and McGuigan could not get the ball to roll kindly for him. One could see from the start that if goals were to accrue to the F.A. credit they would have to come from either Knox or Leonard. The Chinese also recognised this and took prompt measures to see these two players given little opportunity for their machinations.

THOROUGHLY DELIGHTFUL

The Chinese played thoroughly delightful football, notably the half back and forwards, who worked together with splendid harmony and provided the real creative football of the afternoon. Fung King-cheung was the king among this array of artists, and seldom have I seen his passing so accurate and so perfectly timed. He made things comparatively easy for Chan Tak-fai, Lui Shui-wing and Chan Bing-to, and at the same time devilishly uncomfortable for the opposition.

Chan Tak-fai was an energetic leader with tons of initiative, a ready head and a willing foot which shot with accuracy. The wingers always required the careful watching and the forward line as a whole was a pleasure to watch.

Neither could one discern any vital shortcoming in the half back line, though Lau Wai-ku was, perhaps, not quite so effective a stopper as either Lui Hing-chol or Soong Ling-sing, the latter striking me as being an uncommonly promising young centre-half.

As usual the backs were impeccable in all they did, though their work was less obtrusive than usual, and Tan Kwan-hon was exceptionally able in goal, and continually saved what appeared to be certain goals.

The Chinese opened with striking confidence and were quickly two goals to the good, Chan Tak-fai scoring the first after a "picture" movement, and Chan Ping-to adding a second. Then Knox retaliated with a lovely goal and the interval found the Chinese holding their slender lead, though I thought the Association deserved to be on level terms.

In the second half most of the F.A. team tired rapidly and the Chinese had things fairly well their



B. Gosano, who is expected to make his one and only appearance in local football this season at the Kowloon Football Club to-day.

own way. Chan Tak-fai scored a neat goal with his head and then Hui Ching-to finished off things with a goal which Rowlands should have saved with his eyes shut, even taking Christmas into consideration.

TO DEFEND TITLE TO DEFEND TITLE

Joe Louis To Fight Nathan Mann

New York, Dec. 25. Joe Louis, the champion, has signed on to meet Nathan Mann in a fifteen round title bout to be held at Madison Square Garden on February 23.

This is the first time a heavyweight has agreed to defend his title indoors, since Jack Dempsey met Jack Brennan in the Garden in 1920. —United Press.

HOME RUGBY RESULTS

London, Dec. 25. The following are the results of the Rugby matches played to-day:

Brigand	3	Aberavon	9
Glasgow Accas	28	Acas	20
Edinburgh	15	U. A. U.	3
Acas	8	Scotland	18
Neath	14	London Welsh	10
Pontypool	20	Pill Harriers	7
Swansea	28	Watsonians	6

—Reuter.

SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the Bath Club to-day, F. D. Amr Bey, of Egypt, won the British amateur squash rackets championship for the third time in succession, defeating Dr. J. F. Stokes in the final by 3-0, 6-4, 9-2. Amr Bey was suffering from a severe cold. Nevertheless he covered the court in his usual rapid style and won comfortably.



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HOME FOOTBALL

Fog Interferes With Ames

London, Dec. 25. Owing to fog, many football games were either postponed or abandoned on Saturday.

In the First Division of the English League, Arsenal while playing away lost to Blackpool. Leeds won at the expense of Middlesbrough.

Celtic registered the biggest number of goals when they trounced Kilmarnock by eight goals in the First Division of the Scottish League. Motherwell beat Queen's Park at the home ground by five goals to one.

The following were the results:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

Blackpool	2	Arsenal	1
Bolton	2	Derby	0
Chelsea	1	Charlton	1
Crusby	1	Stoke	5
Leeds	5	Middlesbrough	3
Leicester	3	Everton	1
Liverpool	0	Birmingham	0
Manchester C.	0	Brentford	2
Portsmouth	3	Preston	2
Sunderland	2	Huddersfield	1
Wolves	2	West Brom.	0

* abandoned after 61 minutes play.
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‡ abandoned after 7 minutes play.
§ postponed.

SECOND DIVISION

Aston Villa	0	Bradford	0
Blackburn	3	Sheffield	3
Burnley	1	Fulham	0
Bury	1	Tottenham	2
Luton	4	Barnsley	0
Newcastle	0	Stockport	0
Notts. F.	0	Manchester U.	0
Plymouth	2	Wednesday	4
Sheffield U.	3	Coventry	2
Southampton	1	Swansea	1
West Ham	0	Norwich	0

* Postponed.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bournemouth	0	Torquay	0
Bristol R.	0	Walsall	2
Clapton O.	0	Brighton	0
Crystal P.	0	Exeter	0
Gillingham	1	Notts C.	0
Mansfield	3	Cardiff	0
Millwall	0	Aldershot	0
Northampton	0	Bristol C.	0
Queen's Park	1	Southend	0
Reading	2	Swindon	0
Watford	2	Newport	0

* Postponed.

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Barrow	0	Wrexham	1
Bradford C.	0	Tranmere	1
Carlisle	2	Doncaster	0
Cheshire	2	Rotherham	1
Darlington	1	Hull	3
Gateshead	2	York	2
New Brighton	0	Crewe	2
Hartlepool	2	Oldham	0
Port Vale	0	Lincoln	1
Rochdale	0	Accrington	0
Southport	2	Hallifax	2

* Postponed.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

Ayr	0	Arbroath	1
Celtic	0	Kilmarnock	2
Dundee	2	Morton	0
Falkirk	2	Queen's Park	0
Hibernian	1	Hamilton	0
Motherwell	5	Queen's O's	1
Partick	3	Aberdeen	1
St. Johnstone	1	Rangers	5
St. Mirren	0	Clyde	1
Third Lanark	3	Hearts	0

* Postponed.

SECOND DIVISION

Airdrie	0	Edinburgh	2
Alloa	0	St. Bernard's	1
Brechin	0	Dunfermline	4
Dundee	4	Albion	3
Cowdenbeath	2	Ruth Rovers	4
East Fife	4	King's Park	0
Forfar	5	East Stirling	0
Leith	3	Montrose	2
St. Mirren	4	Dumbarton	2

* Referee.

IRISH LEAGUE

Derry City	4	Coleraine	0
Glentoran	2	Liffield	0
Bangor	4	Larne	0
Portadown	5	Cliftonville	0
Ballymena	7	Glenavon	2
Newry Town	4	Ards	1
Belfast Celtic	3	Distillery	3

—Our Own Correspondent.

RANKING LIST FOR 1937

C. A. WHITCOMBE LEADS "PRO" GOLFERS

By A Special Correspondent

London, Nov. 7.

The professional averages for 1937, compiled by Cdr. R. C. T. Roe, secretary of the Professional Golfers' Association, are now available, and make interesting reading, because of some seemingly paradoxical situations. Statistics in whatever form have a knack of producing unexpected results. For example, T. H. Cotton, the Open champion, and without doubt the world's best golfer, and the biggest money-maker in the game, is only third on the list.

Britain's No. 1 player is C. A. Whitcombe, of Crews Hill, Enfield, captain of the Ryder Cup team, and, perhaps, the most popular member of his particular class. Recently I had occasion to refer to him as the first winner of the Vardon Memorial Trophy by reason of securing the best average for a selected and restricted number of events. Whitcombe now heads the list of averages for the whole year with 71.64. Including the qualifying competitions, which bring the number of rounds played to thirty-eight, his average is reduced to 71.36, a figure representing a remarkably high standard of play in all manner of conditions and circumstances.

A PARADOX

One of the paradoxes is that Whitcombe has achieved only one success—the Dunlop-Southport tournament—and, in the matter of prize-winings, is seventh on the list. Apart from Continental championships, the total prize-money was £12,730 which, in contrast with previous years, has been more evenly distributed. Actually, no player has succeeded in reaching the four-figure mark, a vastly different situation from 1936, when Padgham carried off most of the plums.

It seems incredible that the man who a year ago, seemed incapable of doing anything wrong, has this year been unable to do anything right. If ever proof were wanted that golf is a mysterious game it is amply provided in the case of Padgham. He has not won a single event, and is eleventh in the list of averages with 72.89. But it must not be supposed that the last has been heard of Padgham as a force in international golf. He is not one of the "rocket" golfers who goes up with a rush and a bang, and on coming down stays down. Padgham's art is such that he is certain again to be in limelight.

RACE FOR SUPREMACY

So far as British golf is concerned, the race for future supremacy lies between Cotton and Padgham, who are of the same age—thirty-one. At the moment, the race goes to Cotton, who has won the championship twice, the second time against the massed American attack. His triumph at Carnoustie will be regarded as the most magnificent and courageous in the history of the championship. And yet, the reigning champion is third on the list of averages with 71.77, and second in the order of prize-money winners. This is another of the paradoxes revealed by the official statistics.

P. J. Mahon, the brilliant young Irish golfer, of the Royal Dublin club, Dollymount, is second in the averages with 71.69, though failing to win outright a single open tournament. He did win the Irish professional championship, but this is a closed event. Because of being second on so many occasions, Mahon has come to be known as "the champion runner-up." Next year he hopes drastically to revise this description. From his tours of England and Scotland Mahon has not done badly, for he is sixth in the prize-money list. At any rate, he has paid his expenses, which is more than can be said of a good many of the professional tournament players.

FINE ACHIEVEMENT

S. L. King, of Knoch Park, Seven-ohs, heads the list of prize-money winners, a fine achievement for an assistant in face of all the fierce opposition. His position is due to a brilliant success in the £2,000 tournament and second place in the Brighton £1,000 event, won by E. R. Whitcombe at the fantastically low score of 268 for four rounds of stroke play. In the list of averages, King is six with 72.5. He had the distinction of being chosen to play in the Ryder Cup contest, in which he

halved a desperate match with Denmore Shute by hitting a putt for a 3 on the last green. Because he is a workmanlike golfer with no frills to his game, King can count on many years of successful endeavour.

The same may be said of D. J. Rees, another young assistant, though failing to repeat his successes of 1936. His outstanding achievement was the defeat of Byron Nelson in the Ryder Cup match. With an average of 73.14, Rees is fifteenth on the list. Despite the year's low scoring and the breaking of many records, it is a curious fact that only four players beat an average of 75 (72 per cent), throughout the season's championships and tournaments. They were: C. A. Whitcombe, P. Mahon, T. H. Cotton, and A. J. Lacey.

The following is a complete list of averages up to a maximum of 75:

Name	Rounds	Average
C. A. Whitcombe	38	71.36
P. J. Mahon	38	71.69
T. H. Cotton	38	71.77
A. J. Lacey	38	71.89
A. J. Whitcombe	38	72.25
S. L. King	38	72.50
H. Burton	30	72.63
W. J. Branch	20	72.7
Abel Mitchell	20	72.7
B. Gadd	22	72.72
A. H. Padgham	22	72.89
J. Adams	22	73.04
D. Curtis	22	73.04
J. Cox	22	73.1
D. J. Rees	28	73.14
H. B. Rhodes	16	73.18
A. Perry	20	73.2
J. J. Russell	28	73.21
N. Sutton	22	73.31
W. H. Davies	20	73.3
C. H. Ward	20	73.45
S. S. Field	16	73.55
M. Faulkner	20	73.59
T. Collinge	20	73.63
E. E. Whitcombe	16	73.75
G. S. Deary	16	73.75
F. W. H. Kenyon	16	73.83
P. Alisa	24	74.00
J. Taylor	24	74.00
J. Burton	28	74.25
F. W. Jarman	16	74.30
T. G. Wainwright	16	74.32
G. Knight	20	74.75
A. G. Havers	20	74.80
A. J. Lacey	20	75.00

* Ryder Cup player.

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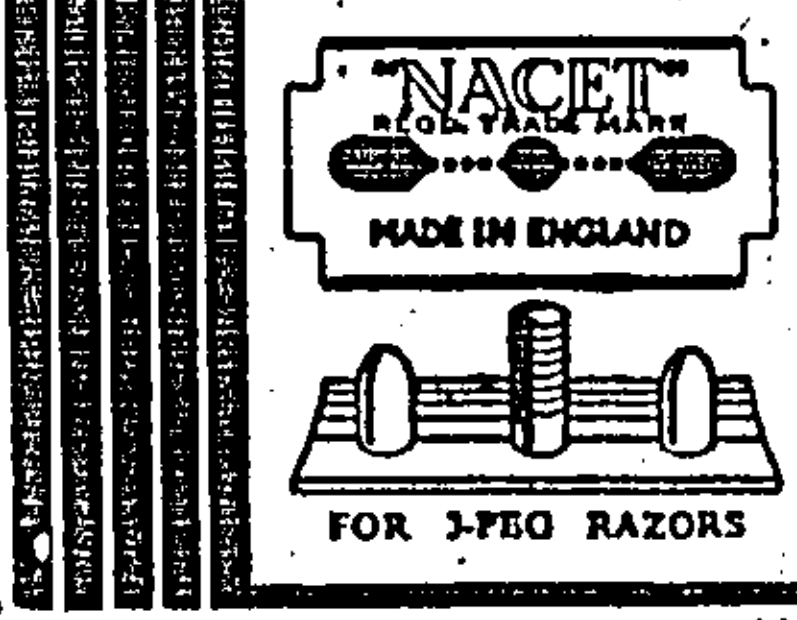
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TEST CRICKET AT HOME & ABROAD

Plans Being Made For Next Season

By H. J. Henley

London, Nov. 21.

News of an English victory over an All-India eleven came pleasantly to us on a day of bitter cold. Our wins on foreign fields have not been frequent of recent years. But the arrangements made for next season's games with Australia are of more importance than the scoring of runs and the capture of wickets by an unofficial side in an unofficial Test match. In fact, the interest of the week came out of the council chamber at Lord's, and not from the sunshine at Lahore.

The decision of the Board of Control of Test Matches at Home to limit again the games against Australia next season to four days except the last did not come as a shock to any of us. Reform, even the most desirable, has always to endure a long fight against prejudice. Think of the time that the new I.B.W. law was discussed before it was allowed to be tried even experimentally. In regard to the Test matches, however, a move in the right direction was made by the agreement to play the fifth game to a finish, even if one of the teams already have a victory in hand, instead of limiting it to four days unless the two countries are level on results, as was the arrangement in the past. This looks like "the thin end of the wedge." It suggests that the powers are at least realising the temptation offered in certain circumstances to play for a draw under a time restriction. But unfortunately the change will not remove the most glaring anomaly of all. It will still be possible for the team who were morally winners in the majority of the games to be beaten in the "rubber" because the opposition, with the luck changed, are given an opportunity to play the last match out, an opportunity previously denied to themselves. No system which contains even a remote possibility of such a cock-eyed situation can be otherwise than rank bad. Play all out, or play none out. That is the only logical way to decide a "rubber."

The decision to play a Trial match between England and the Rest will be considered by some as an aid to our Test Match chances and by others as a threat of confusion. In the past Trial matches have often opened the way to injustice. They have undone players instead of establishing them. A batsman consistently high since the beginning of the summer, and perhaps during the previous summer, is given a place in a Trial match. But because he meets with failure on that particular occasion his Test match chances vanish in an afternoon.

On his general record should have been his in the great match is given the examination of a Trial game. That doesn't make sense.

WINTER LIFE OF PLAYERS

The big scores and the nice-looking bowling analyses, obtained by certain of our cricketers in that unofficial Test match at Lahore have received a mixed reception. On one hand, some people say, "This form of Gover and N. W. D. Yardley makes things look better for our chances in the scrap with Australia next summer." On the other side there are those who pull long faces and remark, "Our fellows will go and put in all their best cricket on there and come back stale. They'll be tired men next season. They should never have gone."

There is, in truth, a good deal of opposition to unofficial tours. Some autocrats seem to think that the counties should forbid their players to take part in them. In some instances that has actually been done. But even professionals are not exactly purchased slaves—or at least the wages paid them in most cases are hardly sufficient to bind them to one foot. And since our cricketers cannot be put away in cotton wool and camphor for the winter, or even sent on a diet to Carlsbad, a foreign tour seems a good way to keep them out of mischief and to enable them to escape some kind of off-season toil calculated to hamper their form. For winter pay does not cover the winter expenses of the average player, nor do those who are engaged on a yearly contract have as a rule enough in hand to lead an idle life from September

to May.

Some of them have spent laborious winter hours as coalers. Others have engaged in clerical work, or driven motor-lorries, or carried on various kinds of manual labour. Others, again—the lucky ones—are professional footballers. Such occupations do not suggest that the player of cricket is living an easier life in the off season than if he toured with a team abroad. Even the strenuous training of the professional footballer, the extensive travelling, the nerve-racking experience of cup-tie excitement, must take as much out of his vitality as if he toured with a cricket side abroad. Days spent by others in sedentary pursuits are not calculated to keep them in better condition than if they toured abroad. And those who can afford to pass an idle winter would surely be in better trim—no matter how much they skip or how conscientiously they diet—by the time spring comes again had they toured abroad. Nothing is more softening than aimless days.

TOIL AT THE NETS

What is wrong with the tour abroad, official or unofficial? For many years past a good many players have taken up winter engagements as coaches in foreign lands, where they are expected to play in a certain number of matches and to put in hours of bowling at the nets; and it is hard to conceive anything more detrimental to a young man's form than the "donkey-work" which consists of "lobbing 'em up" to a novice or of delivering the kind of ball that will not injure the self-respect of an older club member who wants half-an-hour's practice. Such cricket is soul-destroying. Match cricket with an English touring side—official or unofficial—is educational.

No doubt Australian tours are a big strain upon the nerves as well as upon the physique. South African tours also have their strenuous side. But tours to other lands are shorter, and there is little about even the Test matches to keep a player awake at night. And in return for his efforts the professional earns sufficient money to make life easier for him on his return, and is given an opportunity to learn much about the various sides of the game. Then, at the end of the tour, there is a voyage sufficiently long for him to leave away any threatened staleness, while he has generally another month of rest in front of him before he need put on his pads for his county. So why curse the winter tour? I for one refuse to believe that Gover will bowl with less fire for Surrey because he has been bowling out Indians, or that Yardley's scoring on Oriental grounds will affect his batting average when summer comes again.

WATCHMAN.

FINCHER AND MISS PERRY IN FINAL

(Continued from Page 8.)

Men's Singles Championship:—Winner, Lee Wal-tong; runner-up, Tsui Wal-pui (Challenge Cups presented by H. Sz-wing).

Men's Doubles Championship:—Winners, Lu Tak-cheuk and Wong Shiu-wing; runners-up, Tsui Wal-pui and W. C. Hung (Challenge Cups presented by Lo and Lo).

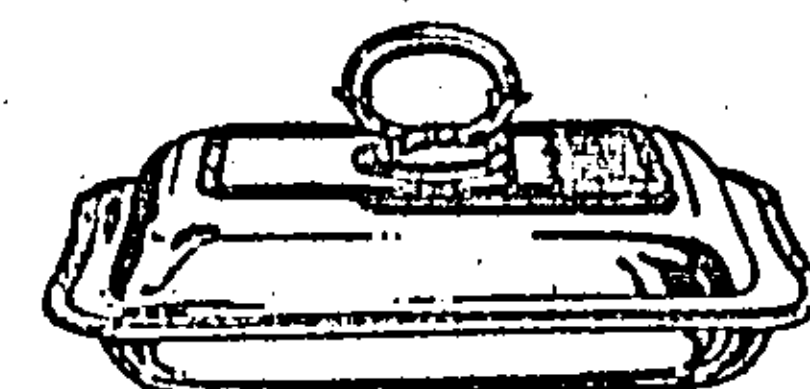
Men's Handicap Singles:—Winner, Leung Bing-chiu; runner-up, Lee Yue-wing.

Junior Singles Championship:—Winner, Ma Shiu-leung; runner-up, Yu Sz-chun.

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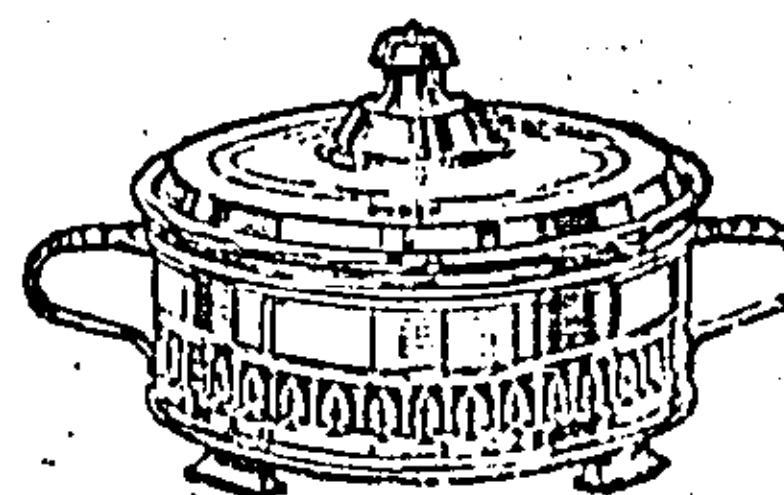


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Jane WITHERS

in "45 FATHERS"

with THOMAS BECK LOUISE HENRY and The HARTMANS

A 20th Picture



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IN PICTURES
FROM FAR AND NEAR

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HAPPENINGS
AS SEEN BY
THE CAMERA'S EYE



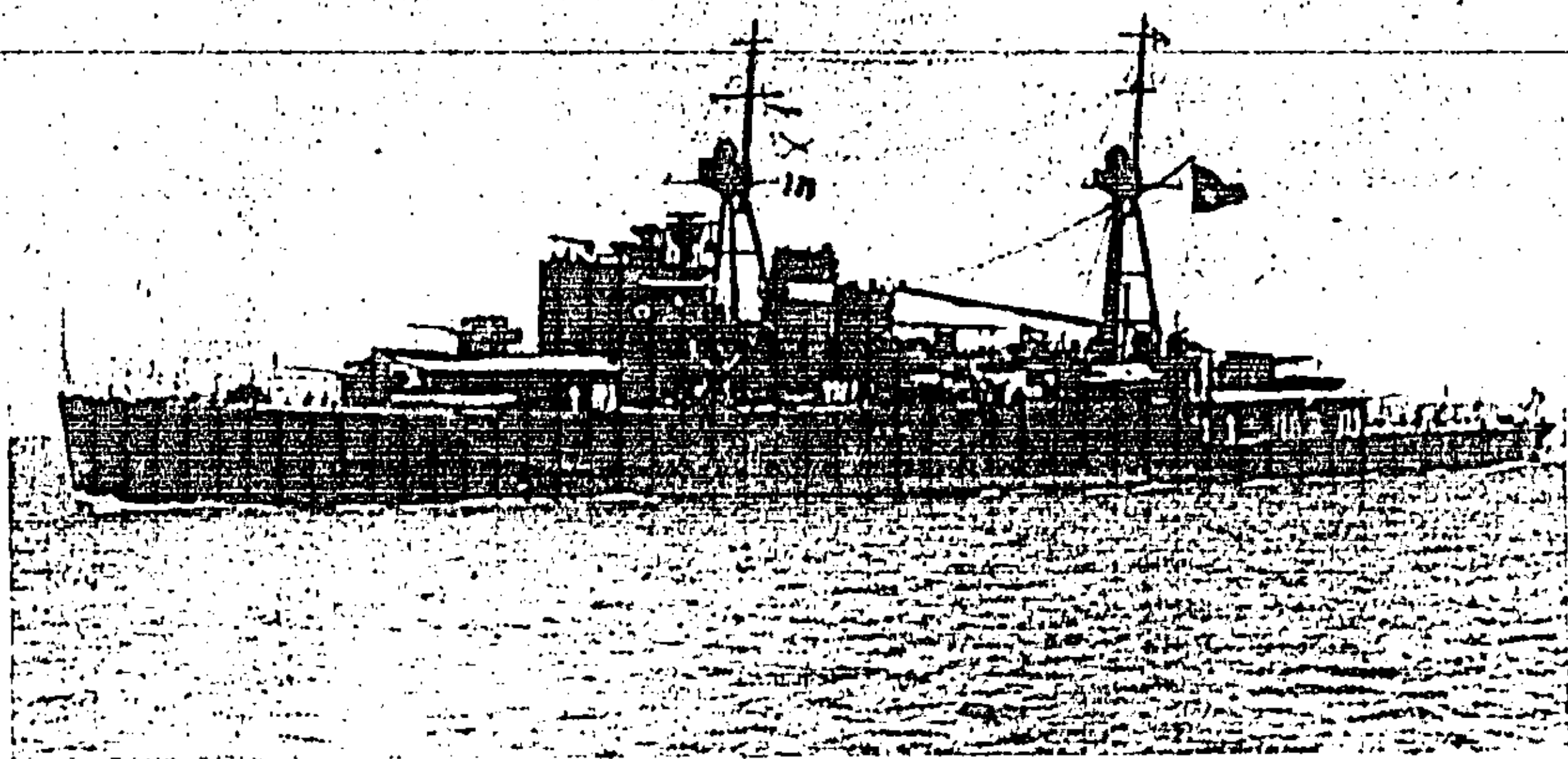
Christmas Party held by the crew of H.M.S. Earle last week in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel.—Kwong Lam Studio.



A happy Christmas party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Leeder last week.—Ming Yuen.



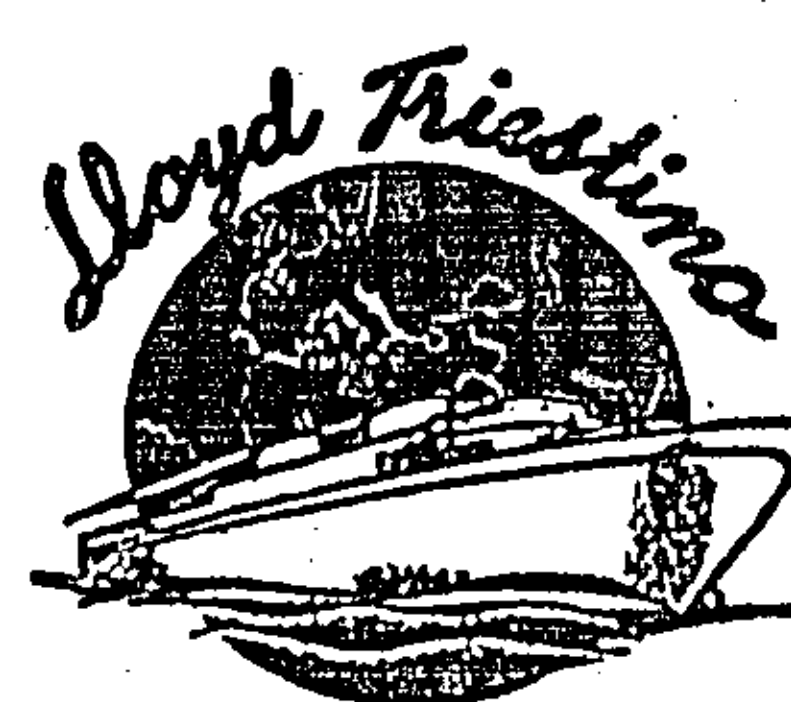
Mr. and Mrs. M. David, whose marriage was solemnised on December 22. The bride was formerly Miss Dina Rosenberg.—Ming Yuen.



The Portuguese sloop "Bartholomew Dias", while on paid an official visit to Hongkong last week.—Calela, photograph.



Hollywood, whose beauties have so often been passed over in the different Beauty competitions in America, has selected charming Dolly Grable, as its "Ideal Girl". A prize was presented by the director of the Los Angeles Art Association.



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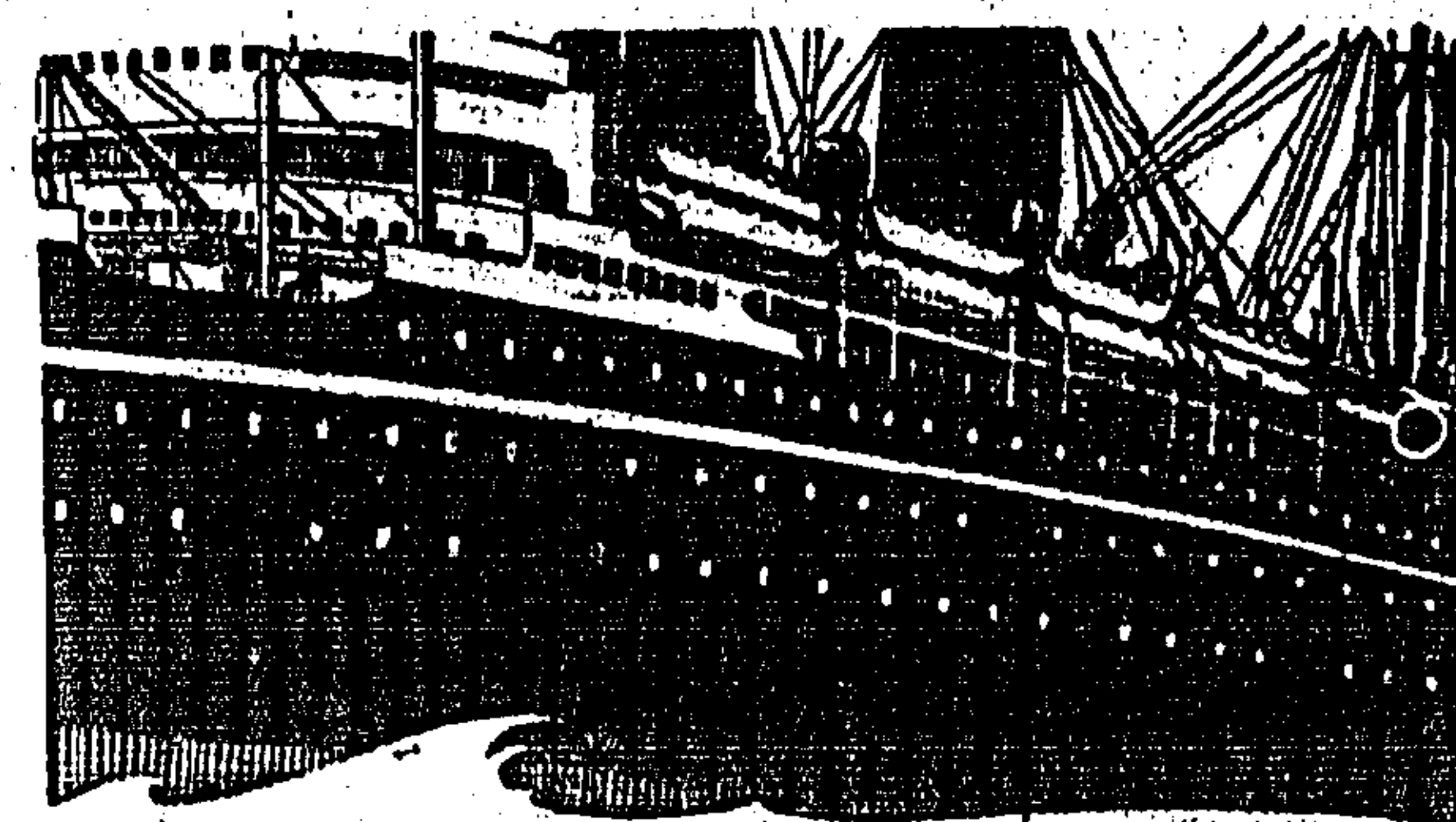
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TAIPING	8 Mar.	15 Mar.	18 Mar.	3 Apr.
CHANGTE	12 Apr.	19 Apr.	22 Apr.	8 May

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CORFU	14,500	22nd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	6,100	29th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles, H're, L'don, H'burg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	5th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
CARTHAGE	14,500	10th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
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SHIRALA	8,000	20th Jan.	Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	12th Feb.	Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
SANTHIA	8,000	20th Feb.	Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.

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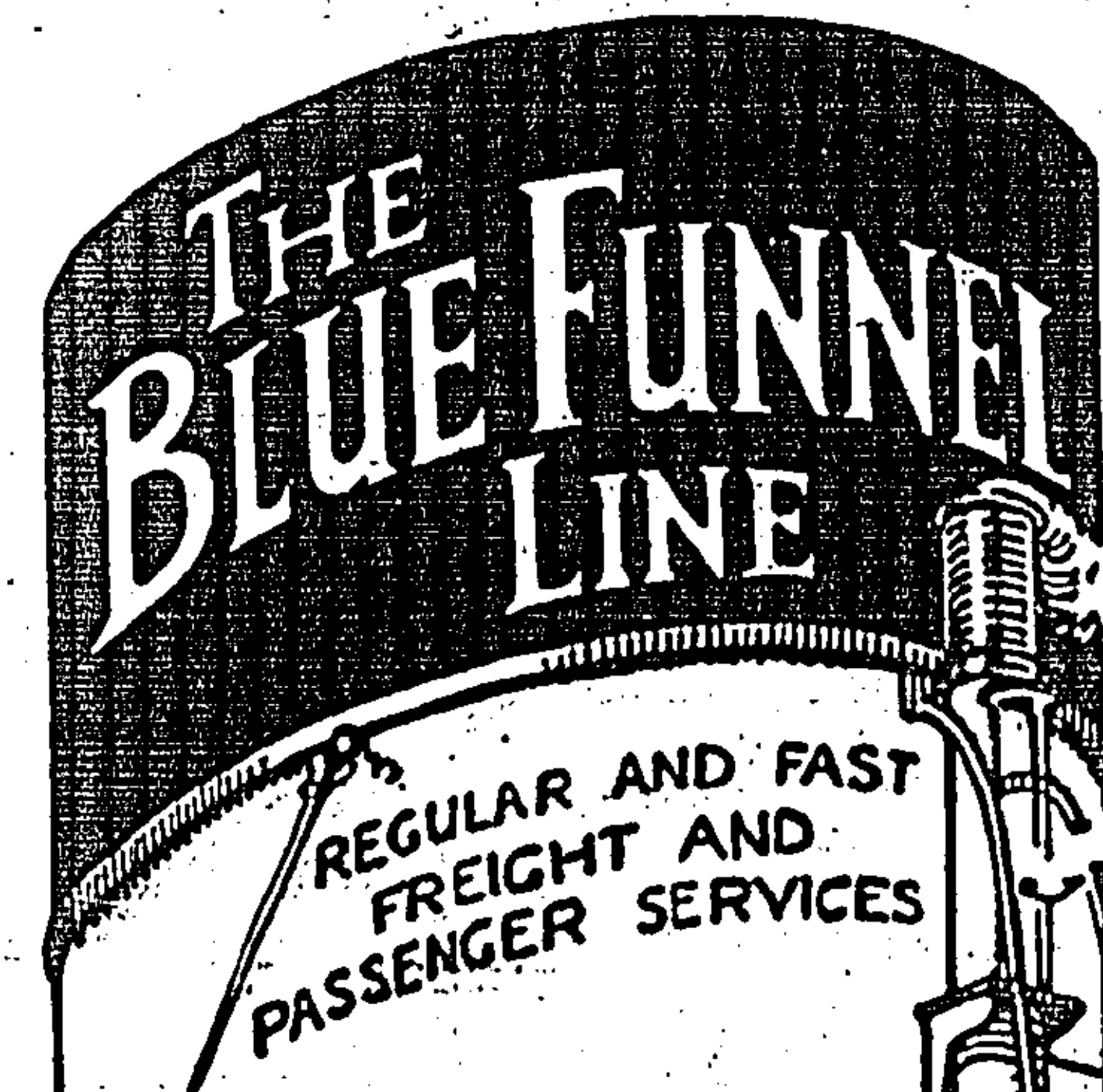
S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination.
NANKIN	7,000	2nd Jan.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart.
NELLORE	7,000	29th Jan.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart.
TANDA	7,000	5th Mar.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination.
NELLORE	7,000	4th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
SHIRALA	8,000	6th Jan.	Amoy & Japan.
CHITRAL	15,000	7th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
TILAWA	10,000	20th Jan.	Amoy & Japan.
CARTHAGE	14,500	21st Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
SANTHIA	8,000	3rd Feb.	Amoy & Japan.
COMORIN	15,000	4th Feb.	Shanghai & Japan.

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TALTHYBIUS sails 18th Jan. for Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

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